

Safeguarding including e-safety

SAFEGUARDING

Please click here to access Wigan's Safeguarding children's board Website - Children's Social Care - <http://www.wiganlscb.com/home.aspx>

The school ensures children learn in a safe, caring and enriching environment. Children are taught how to keep themselves safe, to develop positive and healthy relationships, how to avoid situations where they might be at risk including by being exploited.

The school also has a statutory responsibility to share any concerns it might have about a child in need of protection with other agencies and in particular police, health and children's services. Schools are not able to investigate child protection concerns but have a legal duty to refer them. In most instances the school will be able to inform the parents/carers of its need to make a referral. However, sometimes the school can in certain circumstances share information without the consent of the family and may be advised by children's services or police that the parent/carer cannot be informed whilst they investigate the matter or make enquires. We understand the anxiety parents/carers understandably feel when they are not told about any concerns from the outset. The school follows legislation that aims to act in the interests of the child.

The school will always seek to work in partnership with parents and other agencies to ensure the best possible outcomes for the child and family'

Keeping children safe in education 2019

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/835733/Keeping_children_safe_in_education_2019.pdf

Child Protection Policy September 2020.

Guidance for parents and children facing unwanted messages online

Acceptable Use Policy - parents

Acceptable Use Policy KS1 Pupils

Acceptable Use Policy KS2 Pupils

Useful links

Please take a look at these useful websites where you can find information and useful links to safeguarding all children across Wigan and the UK.

We hope you will find the web links below useful.

Abuse

NSPCC - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

Childline - www.childline.org.uk

Kidscape - www.kidscape.org.uk

Childnet - www.childnet.com

Domestic abuse

Family Rights Group - <http://www.frg.org.uk>

Women's aid <https://www.womensaid.org.uk>

DIAS - <https://diasdvc.org/about-dias/>

End the fear - <http://www.endthefear.co.uk/>

E-safety

Think U Know - <http://thinkuknow.co.uk>

NSPCC - www.net-aware.org.uk

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>

Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/safety/>

Bullying

The Anti-bullying Alliance - <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org/>

Files to Download

02 Guru Top Tips (Net Aware 2017)

Child Sexual Exploitation - raising awareness with parents

There are still a number of Child Sexual Exploitation issues, Parents Against Child Sexual Exploitation (PACE) and the Virtual College are raising awareness with parents of the dangers.

PACE and the Virtual College have teamed up to provide a short, free online course entitled 'Keeping Them Safe: Protecting Children from CSE' designed to equip parents and carers with the knowledge to protect children against sexual exploitation.

Details are available via the following link:

<https://www.virtual-college.co.uk/resources/free-courses>

Tackle Child Abuse

To encourage everyone to help protect children and young people by reporting any concerns of abuse or neglect, the Department for Education has launched the Together, we can tackle child abuse campaign.

We all have a role to play in protecting children and young people from child abuse and neglect. However, many people do not act because they're worried about being wrong.

To tackle the barriers that stop people reporting their concerns, the Together, we can tackle child abuse campaign seeks to inform everyone about the signs to spot a child who is a victim of abuse or neglect and explains how they can report their concerns.

Spot the signs

There are many signs that indicate a child may be at risk of abuse or neglect; and these will differ depending on the child's or young person's age and the nature of the child abuse or neglect they are experiencing.

To help people feel confident in spotting the signs, the campaign encourages people to look for any changes in a child's Appearance, Behaviour and Communication.

The A B C signs to spot:

Appearance: such as unusual injuries, or consistently poor hygiene

Behaviour: such as being withdrawn, overly anxious, disruptive, self-harming, or any other sudden changes in behaviour

Communication: such as talking aggressively, using sexual language, or becoming secretive

Reporting concerns

Many people do not report their concerns because they're worried about being wrong.

However, you don't have to be absolutely certain – if you have concerns that a child is being abused or their safety is at risk, you can report it anonymously to your local council (opens in a new window) <http://www.wiganlscb.com/home.aspx>, the NSPCC (opens in a new window)

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-you-can-do/make-a-donation?gclid=EAAlQobChMI3pKslfCe5QIViON3Ch3o1QSkEAYASAAEgLK4vD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds, or your local police (opens in a new window) <https://www.gmp.police.uk/who> can provide the support a child may need.

Last year nearly 400,000 children in England were supported because someone noticed they needed help. By reporting your concerns, you could provide the missing piece of information that is needed to keep a child safe.

or more information on the campaign, and details of how to report concerns, visit the Department for Education's website: <https://tacklechildabuse.campaign.gov.uk/> (opens in a new window)

The Department for Education will also be posting information on how to spot the signs and report concerns on social media. You can support the campaign by following #tackleabusetogether on social media and sharing the posts with your family and friends.

Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass is a new innovative project which Greater Manchester Police is running in partnership with schools throughout the force area.

What is Operation Encompass?

The project aims to safeguard and support children and young people who are involved in or affected by incidents involving domestic abuse.

Witnessing domestic abuse is really distressing for a young person, who can often see the abuse, hear it from another room, see a parent's injuries or distress afterwards or be physically hurt trying to stop the abuse.

Following such an incident, children will often arrive at school upset and unprepared. Operation Encompass aims to ensure that appropriate school staff are made aware early enough to support children in the best way possible.

How does it work?

Following a domestic abuse incident being reported into Greater Manchester Police, specialist police officers will make contact with Children's Social Care who will then communicate relevant and necessary information to nominated school staff. This ensures the school is aware as soon as possible so support can be provided, and children can feel safe and listened to.

Each school has a member of staff (key adult) who has been fully trained to liaise with the police and social services, so are able ensure the right support is made available to the child following the disclosure of a domestic abuse incident.

Each morning a specialist officer will review all violent or abusive incidents that would indicate domestic abuse. Where there are incidents involving children living at home aged between 4 and 16 years old, the school that the child or young person attends will be contacted, and information will be passed to the key adult in the school. The staff in contact with those pupils will then be in an informed position to support them in a way that is right for that child.

Encompass Parent Awareness Letter – waiting for Nicola to email me back.



Department of Education Policies

Files to Download

What to do if you're worried a child is being abused

2015 https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/419604/What_to_do_if_you_re_worried_a_child_is_being_abused.pdf

Working together to safeguard children 2018

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/779401/Working_Together_to_Safeguard-Children.pdf

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2019

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/835733/Keeping_children_safe_in_education_2019.pdf

Attendance and punctuality

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

A big thank you to all our families who take attendance and punctuality seriously. We are really grateful to you for getting your child in on time so that they can learn as much as they possibly can. Breakfast club opens every weekday from 7.45am. School doors open at 8.40am and children start learning in class from 8.40am.

Our target for the whole school attendance is 96.4%

In 2018-2019, our whole school attendance was 95.5% an improvement of 94.5% on the previous year.

[Click here](#) to see the attendance for each class in KS1 and KS2 for 2018-2019.

Every child has the right to attend school every day. Casual attendance and frequent absence really has a detrimental effect on children's education and emotional development. At St James CofE Primary School everyone has their part to play in ensuring that all children attend regularly.

During this year we are hoping to further improve our overall school attendance above last year's 95.5%. We want our school to have the best attendance in Wigan, so that our children can learn as much as they possibly can.

This is achieved by:

Parent / Carer responsibilities:

-  To ensure their child attends school regularly and on time.
-  To inform school before 8.40am on the first day of a child's absence.
-  To keep in contact with the school should there be difficult home circumstances requiring support from the school.
-  To not take holidays during term time as these will be unauthorised and a penalty notice may be issued. (Holidays are strictly not allowed in term time)
-  To ensure the school has three current emergency contact names and numbers. The child should know these 3 people.

-  To take medical and dentist appointments outside school time if possible.
-  To co-operate with the school in our aim to improve attendance.

The School's Responsibilities:

Inform parents of their responsibilities for maintaining regular attendance for their child.

Inform parents every half term of their child's attendance using the traffic light system.

96-100% - Good - Outstanding - GREEN LIGHT

91%-95.9% - Satisfactory - AMBER LIGHT

90.9 and below - Unsatisfactory - RED LIGHT

We aim to support any family in difficulties or crisis.

Refer families requiring support to the Start Well Team as necessary.

We will actively seek Court Prosecution when needed, but we do this as a very last resort.

We value and reward good attendance; weekly, half termly, termly and annually through certificates, praise in assembly, rewards and a class attendance trophy.

We will be inform you if your child is regularly late for school and we will request from parents an explanation. Parents/carers will be invited into school to discuss this concern with the Learning Mentor and/or Head of School, in the hope of resolving the problem.

To raise standards, please be aware, letters will be sent from school if there are any concerns.

Research shows that the closer a school and family work together the more likely a child will succeed.

Click here to read our Attendance Policy 2019 – [add policy from policy folder on shared area](#)

Pupils attendance information

Our Attendance Policy

Our school is open every weekday during term time from 7.45am. All children are very welcome to attend breakfast club, there is a charge for this. Our classroom doors open at 8.40am and children start learning from 8.50am.

Why do we need to come to school?

- To learn new things
- It's the law
- Being part of a group helps us to get on well with others and make friends
- Educational visits help us to learn about the big wide world outside of school
- Taking part in clubs and teams is fun and helps us to play together and get better at what we do.
- Being at school every day improves your chances of getting a job or going to college and university when you get older.

What happens if you don't come to school?

- Children don't learn as well and will get behind with their learning
- You might get bored at home and develop bad habits and become lazy
- You don't get to make as many friends
- You miss out on special days, celebrations, educational visits, school clubs and team events.

What is good attendance?

- At St James CofE Primary School we think 97.5%+ daily attendance is what each class should aim for.
- Children should always try to come to school unless they are REALLY ILL.
- If your attendance is below 95% letters will be sent to your parents and your attendance will be monitored closely. If there is no improvement a meeting will be held and an attendance agreement will be put in place.
- If your attendance does not improve a referral will be made to the Start Well Service

What to do if you don't come to school

- Telephone school on the first day of absence

Rewards

- Certificates, badges, weekly punctuality prizes, weekly attendance cups.

