



Welcome!

Welcome back to our Safeguarding Newsletter. At Witham St Hughs Academy, we are fully committed to ensuring that consistent effective safeguarding procedures are in place to support and promote the welfare of all children. We ensure that we provide an environment in which children and adults feel safe, secure, valued and respected, and feel confident to talk if they are worried. Our Safeguarding newsletter will continue to provide materials for parents and carers outlining how schools, parents and external agencies can work together to keep children safe.

Focus on: Anti-bullying



Change starts here.
Change starts now.
Change starts with us.

This term at Witham St Hughs Academy, we supported anti-bullying week 2019. The theme this year was “Change starts with us.” Each class completed activities with an emphasis on collectively making small changes to create a safe environment for everyone.

“Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in person, bullying has a significant impact on a child’s life. By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle because together, we can challenge bullying. Change starts with a conversation. It starts with checking in. It starts with working together.”

Keeping safe and developing respectful relationships is an integral part of our tolerance curriculum. Pupils learn how to behave towards each other promoting the British values of tolerance and mutual respect. From pupil questionnaires, pupils told us that bullying is very rare and children spoke confidently about different types of bullying and what to do if they were being bullied.

The anti-bullying alliance has some fantastic resources online to support parents further and you can see these at:

BULLYING IS:

- ✂ **Intentional:**
It's on purpose, hurtful behavior.
- ✂ **Repeated:**
The behavior happens more than once.
- ✂ **Harmful:**
It hurts your body and/or your feelings

It Happens: *Several Times On Purpose- STOP!*

Bullying is not when two people have a disagreement or fall out over something, it is usually

Several
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Start
Telling
Other
People



Who can help?

Every school has a 'Designated Safeguarding Lead'. At Witham St Hughs Academy, these are Mrs Broadley and Mrs Dexter. Our Safeguarding governor is Mrs Gemma Grundy.

In addition, Mrs Dexter's role this year as distinct groups leader is aimed at working with parents and families who may need additional support. If you wish to speak to Mrs Dexter, please contact the office for an appointment.

If you have any concerns in relation to safeguarding, please feel free to speak to Mrs Broadley or Mrs Dexter at any time.

Useful phone numbers

Social Services: 01522 782111

ChildLine: 0800 1111

Lincolnshire Prevent Team: 020 7340 7264

Young Carers Helpline: 01522 553275

NSPCC whistle blowing helpline: 08088 005000

FGM helpline: 08000 283550

Samaritans: 01522 528282

Family Services Directory: 0800 195 1635



Online Safety Update

When used correctly, the internet and mobile phones can be an exciting sources of communication and information. Our ICT curriculum clearly outlines how we teach online safety and promote healthy relationships both online and offline.

This book is a fun and accessible resource particularly aimed at KS2 pupils to raise awareness of what is/isn't appropriate content to be shared online.

