

Safeguarding Update

ATTENDANCE

As you will be aware, it is vital that your child attends school every day. Unfortunately, at present, not enough of our parents are placing an emphasis on attendance and many parents are not getting their children in to school, on time, every day.

Please be aware that we are currently completing door knocking, in conjunction with the Police, where we have significant concerns regarding a child's attendance. In addition, we are also processing fines for poor attendance. If we have concerns about attendance, we will write to you before this point—please come to the meeting and discuss any issues, including how we can support, to avoid being fined.

CONCERNS

Is something worrying you? Do you feel that you want to report or discuss something with us but don't want to come into school?

If so, please contact us on **safeguarding@thebairdprimaryacademy.org.uk** This email address is monitored all of the time by our safeguarding leaders in school. Please feel free to contact us about any safeguarding concerns through this email.



WELCOME!

At The Baird Primary Academy, the children's safety and wellbeing is paramount. For this reason, we are writing to give parents up-to-date information which enables you to keep your child safe in an ever-changing digital world, as well as to give strategies to support your child at home. We hope you find this newsletter useful.

MEET MRS JARVIS!

Mrs Jarvis is our Safeguarding Officer in school. She is there to help with any concerns you might have, and is able to either offer support herself or to direct parents to the appropriate services. If you would like to meet with Mrs Jarvis, please contact the academy office to book an appointment.



KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE!

PC Paul Eastes is a Prevention Youth Officer supporting local primary and secondary schools. He and a number of other professionals have compiled a survey for parents and children focusing primarily on on-line safety. It is hoped that through raising awareness and structured, targeted inputs, we can be looking to tackle/reduce those social-media related crimes and issues currently being experienced in primary and secondary schools – e.g. online harassment/bullying as well as other harmful consequences around such activities, i.e. associated mental health issues, self-esteem issues and other harmful risk factors.

The children will be completing a survey in school but we would ask that you complete the parent version by following the link below.

PARKING AND ROAD SAFETY!

We regularly have concerns raised by local residence and parents regarding parking at the end of the day. Parking/waiting is not permitted on the zigzag lines outside the school between the hours of 8-9.30 am and 2.30-4 pm this is to enable children and parents to have a safe place to cross the road without any obstructions. PLEASE DO NOT park on the double yellow lines or the zig-zag lines (including on the pavement) you are putting your child and other children's lives at risk.

This term the Academy Council have been designing posters and banners to remind parents of safe places to park.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

It is vitally important that we have up-to-date contact details for all parents / carers so that we can contact parents in the event of an emergency.

Please ensure that if you change your address / phone number, or collection arrangements change, you communicate this with the main office.

In addition, if the collection arrangements change, please notify us as far in advance as possible and bear in mind that the end of the day is extremely busy in the office and therefore messages can get held up!