



Poppleton Ousebank Primary School



Safeguarding and Well Being Newsletter - September 2023

At Poppleton Ousebank Primary School, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and our top priority. All staff follow policy and procedures and receive regular updated training.

As part of our school offer you will receive a monthly newsletter, which will inform you of up to date safeguarding news and school well being updates.

We hope that you find this useful and please come and speak to us if you have any questions.

Mrs Vicky Mitchinson
Deputy Headteacher
Safeguarding/Pastoral/Attendance Lead

Our Safeguarding Team

If you have any concerns about a child or adult's safety, welfare or general well-being, please ensure that you speak with a member of our safeguarding team straight away.



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Safe Children | Safe Adults | Safe Environment

If you have a concern that a child is vulnerable or at risk of significant harm please contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub in York

Phone: 01904 551900 | Email: MASH@york.gov.uk

Outside office hours, at weekends and on public holidays contact the emergency duty team on 01609 780780.

Why have a newsletter?

Having a newsletter is important for a number of reasons:

- Children's safety is our top priority
- We like to provide you with information about how we can help you and your family if needed
- We have lots of policies and procedures on our website and soon a dedicated well being section
- We do lots in school to keep your children safe and we want to share this with you
- Working together is always the best option

Who can you speak to?

If you have a concern about your own or another child then please always say something.

You can speak to any member of staff or speak directly to a member of our Safeguarding team. **They are called Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL's)**. Please see the poster attached to see who they are in school.

How do we keep your children safe in school?

- Doors into school are always closed and can only be opened from the inside
- Signing in system for visitors to school
- Lanyard system for all adults
- All staff are trained in safeguarding
- We carry out DBS checks on all staff and visitors
- Staff are first aid trained
- Fire alarm and lockdown practices
- Children are seen out by staff at the end of the day
- Safeguarding policies in place
- Children are taught about keeping safe
- We ask questions - never be offended

Plus many, many more!

We will ask questions.....

It is our job to safeguard your children and we will ask questions from time to time - please do not be offended.

Times we may ask questions:

- If your child has a mark or bruise and you forgot to let us know
- If your child says something that we need to ask you about
- If your child's behaviour changes
- If your child's attendance is poor

Please understand that we are not judging, we are just following our policies and procedures.

Ways you can help

- Always let us know if your child has had an accident and has a mark
- Please let us know if there are any changes at home that means your child's behaviour may be different

Our Wellbeing offer at POPS...

If you have any wellbeing concerns about your child then please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Mitchinson in the first instance.

At POPS we understand how complicated family life can be and from time to time you may need extra support.

At POPS we have access to the Wellbeing in Mind team, Miss Rodgers (ELSA) and Paul McGrath (our school wellbeing worker from the City of York council).

ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) - Miss Rodgers

We are very lucky to have Miss Rodgers in school Wednesday to Friday. The role of the ELSA is to support children in school who are struggling with their emotional development. Please speak to Mrs Mitchinson for more information about this role.

Before and after school...

Before and after school we ask that parents are responsible for their children.

- Please make sure that children are standing with you ready for their doors to open
- Please do not let children play on the school equipment
- Please do not bike/scoot once through the school gates
- Please do not play in the forest area
- Please vacate the school playground as soon as you have dropped off and collected your child

Wellbeing in Mind Team (WIMT)

The WellBeing in Mind team work in school offering help to children, staff and parents. They work for the NHS and offer a wide range of support. For more information please visit their website <https://www.tewv.nhs.uk/services/wellbeing-mind-school-support-yorkshire-information-parents-carers/>

Within school the team will be holding drop in coffee morning's on the first Tuesday of every month (beginning in October). They will also be present in school, deliver assemblies and work alongside the KS2 wellbeing ambassadors.

Please speak to Mrs Mitchinson to find out more information if you think your family would benefit from their support.

How to contact us

Please email Mrs Mitchinson at v.mitchinson@pop.hslt.academy or email hello@pop.hslt.academy or alternatively call the school office to make an appointment

School Wellbeing Service (Paul McGrath)

Paul's focus is to work with children, young people and school staff around emerging and developing mental health needs.

Please visit their website for more information.

<https://www.yor-ok.org.uk/sws.htm>

Useful links



Where there are significant immediate concerns about the safety of a child, you should contact the police on 999.

If you believe the situation is urgent but does not require the police, please call **01904 551900** to contact York MASH to discuss your concerns. Should you need

to call outside office hours, at weekends and on public holidays contact the **emergency duty team telephone: 0300 131 2 131**.

NSPCC

Helpline - 0808 800 5000 www.nspcc.org.uk



24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247



Helping men escape domestic abuse - Helpline 01823 334244

<https://www.brightsparkscic.org.uk/brightsparks-blog/support-in-york-for-families>

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