

School Council meeting 09/01/2018 – 2.30pm

Present – Staff- Miss Appleton, Mrs Tolley, Miss Price

Students- Sean P, Meghan, Danyal, Grace, Courtney W, Adam, Zafran, Matthew

Purpose of meeting

To discuss how we stay safe

I explained to the council members that each person that visits school is issued with a safeguarding leaflet that they are asked to read and adhere to. As a group we sat and looked through the leaflet, when questioned as to why they thought the leaflet was important Meghan stated that it was to keep them safe. I asked who we might talk to if we had any worries or concerns, Courtney thought the teachers or mum and dad. When I explained that I was specifically thinking about who we might talk to at school if we had a big worry about someone/something Meghan suggested the head teacher would be a good option, we looked back at the leaflet and it was Adam that spotted that Miss Colborne was named as the DSL.

Next we talked about visitors and how they could be identified. Matthew stated that they had to wear a label, Meghan called this a visitors badge and correctly stated that they were to be worn on red lanyards. Grace was able to state that paid staff all wore green lanyards and that is how they can be identified. Everyone agreed that people wearing green lanyards are people that students can trust to keep them safe whilst they are at school.

Referring back to the safeguarding leaflet we discussed the fact that mobile phones aren't to be used. Courtney stated that it might be because there are rude words on phones sometimes, Sean stated that phones could be dangerous after a few more questions as to what else phones could do other than make phone calls Meghan said that they can take pictures. Everyone agreed that they wouldn't want people to take photos of them without permission and that is why Zafran thinks that phones are 'bad' to have in school.

To close the meeting we discussed how we think we are kept safe in school. Sean said that we learn about safety and know how to use the internet properly. Grace said that staying indoors keeps us safe. Courtney pointed out that there were alarms, we had a brief discussion about the fire alarm and how that keeps us safe sounding to let us know that we need to get out of the building.

All agreed that we should be careful who we talk to, whether inside or outside of school. I gave a scenario to the group that a visitor came into school and wanted to talk to them by their self, however they had never met this person before, all agreed that they would not want to go. When questioned as to what might make them feel safe to speak to the visitor Adam said that a member of staff going with him would make it better. It was concluded by all that the school and their teachers are what makes them all feel safe.

Meeting closed 2.57PM