

15th September 2022

Welcome to Academic Year 2022/23!

As every year the [Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy](#) has been updated and all staff will have read it by the end of this week. This update brings our policy in line with [Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022](#) document.

In addition to this the Department for Education also updated their guidance on attendance in school. The new document [Working together to improve school attendance](#) formed the development of the school's new [Attendance Policy 2022](#).

This year we are making it even easier for everyone to contact our Safeguarding Team. If you have any worries about child's safety or would like to discuss anything that may worry you, you can now send an email to safeguarding@pens-meadow.dudley.sch.uk and our school's **Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Pawlowicz** will get back to you without delay to address your concerns.

Safeguarding CPD Programme

As every year all staff and other members of school community receive regular safeguarding updates through weekly Safeguarding Questions, fortnightly Safeguarding Newsletters, half-termly safeguarding staff meetings and knowledge checks. This year we are also bringing back Parents' Workshops! We are currently working on developing the programme of these.

We have started the year with sharing updates of [Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022](#) with all staff on the first day back after the summer holidays.

Each Term the staff will receive a Safeguarding Training on following topics:

- **Autumn Term** – Harmful Sexual Behaviours
- **Spring Term** – Early Help
- **Summer Term** – How to respond to disclosures of physical abuse, including domestic violence

Important numbers

School's main number:	01834818945
Family Outreach mobile:	07773959823
School Nurse mobile:	07580787861
Children Services:	03005550050
Adult Social Care:	03005550055

