

Elston Hall News

Safeguarding, Welfare and Well Being at Elston Hall

The national agenda for keeping children safe quite rightly continues to grow with documentation and expectations placed on schools as we look to ensure children are always safe.

At Elston Hall we are committed to safeguarding children and young people and all who work in our school shares this commitment.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

- protecting children from maltreatment;
 - preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development;
 - ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and
 - taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.
- (The term 'children' includes everyone under the age of 18.)

Child protection describes the policy and procedures specifically for those young people who are at risk of serious harm or have been seriously harmed.

As a school we have a duty to ensure arrangements are in place for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children through teaching and learning, pastoral care and extra curricular activities. We will at all times establish and maintain a safe and stimulating environment to ensure our children feel safe and secure. Adults in our school take the welfare of our children seriously and encourage children and young people to talk to those that they trust and can be assured they are listened to.

At Elston Hall we will always try to discuss concerns with parents/carers and consent for any referrals for support will always be sought. This may well be a discussion with the class teacher or with a member of our safeguarding and welfare team.

However there are instances where legislation demands we follow an immediate process that is in the best interests of safeguarding children. This process is not open to individual interpretation. There may be occasions when the school has to consult with other agencies without a parents or carers prior knowledge.

Our first concern and responsibility is the child's welfare and we have a duty to protect children first and always. Such consultation may result in a formal referral which could prompt visits from social care and/or the police. We fully understand that this can be a very distressing set of circumstances, however staff will remain supportive whilst ensuring we follow the procedures required by the Wolverhampton Safeguarding Children Board.

You can be assured that all safeguarding, welfare and well being matters will always be dealt with in a professional and confidential manner.

School Nurses



As we aim to support and maintain the physical, social and emotional health of our children to reach their full potential and encourage healthier lifestyles. We have a team of nurses that are allocated to support Elston Hall Primary in this and offer any advice, support and guidance for our families. Consent is always gained prior to any health care visits and age related checks. The school nurse team supports with teaching and learning topics, staff training and medical plans where necessary in order to provide optimum health support for the children when they are in our care.

To further support the needs of our children and provide first aid support where necessary we have over 25 members of staff First Aid trained.

The Royal Wolverhampton 
NHS Trust



NSPCC

www.nspcc.org.uk

Help, support and information available on:

Children's mental Health.

Online Safety

Support for parents

Also:

Information regarding the PANTS rule from the NSPCC.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule>

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/schools/pants-teaching>



NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

Information and Resources to support our families

World Mental Health Day - Mental Health in an Unequal world - 10th October www.mentalhealth.org.uk

Safer Internet Day - Friday 29th October www.saferinternet.org.uk

Anti - Bullying Week - One Kind Word theme -15th - 19th November www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk



**WOLVERHAMPTON
SAFEGUARDING
TOGETHER**

Wolverhampton Safeguarding Board : www.wolverhamptonsafeguarding.org.uk

Wolverhampton Safeguarding Together convenes safeguarding partners, West Midlands Police, Clinical Commissioning Group and Local Authority, alongside Education and the Voluntary sector to work in close collaboration to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children, young people and adults with care and support needs in Wolverhampton.

NSPCC: Protecting Children and Staying Safe:

www.nspcc.org.uk

Support and advice on children's mental health,, staying safe,
on line safety and what to do if you are worried about a child.

The NSPCC logo consists of the letters 'NSPCC' in a bold, green, sans-serif font.

NPCC: Protecting our community:



www.npcc.police.uk for information, advice and reporting to safeguard our community.

Improving policing for the community, coordinating operations and safeguarding

Safeguarding, Welfare, Well Being and Inclusion Support



Mrs Bennett
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead
Assistant Head
Teacher



Miss Foster
Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead
Head Teacher



Mrs Richards
Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead
Head Teacher



Mrs Howell
SEND
Leader



Miss Taylor
Behaviour and
Emotional
Support
Leader

If you have a concern and would like to speak to someone please contact the school office