

# The Market Weighton School

# Safeguarding Bulletin 2022/2023

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# Introduction

Welcome to our Safeguarding Bulletin for this academic year.

The Market Weighton School is strongly committed to the safeguarding of children and young people. Standards of child protection and general safeguarding within the school are high. Our policies and procedures are robust and effective, and safeguarding is frequently monitored and reviewed on a regular basis.

We will advise you of any further updates and any new developments in forthcoming issues of the school newsletter. In the meantime, if you have any further questions or comments please don't hesitate to contact any of the listed members of staff.



Richard Harrison Headteacher



Mr R Harrison (Headteacher)

# Safeguarding - Staff



Mrs C Breen DSL - Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs L Curtis
Safeguarding & Child Protection Officer



Mr I Robinson Health and Safety / Staffing

#### **Student Welfare and Support within school**

Every member of staff at TMWS, regardless of their role within school, holds a current ERSCB Child Protection (CP) qualification in addition to undergoing annual in-house refresher CP training. This training is invaluable in that it equips staff with an understanding of CP principles & safeguarding training, the ability to recognise signs of abuse, harm, neglect, and also the procedure for handling disclosures. If a student approaches any member of staff, they will be listened to, taken seriously, and a set procedure followed. The following members of staff are involved more specifically with student welfare and support:



Mrs C Breen
DSL - Designated
Safeguarding Lead & Student Support



Mr A Yeadon Head of Year 7 ayeadon@tmws.co.uk



Miss N Grayson Head of Year ngrayson@tmws.co.uk



Ms M Joshi Head of Year mjoshi@tmws.co.uk



Mrs Hall Head of Year shall@tmws.co.uk



Mrs Goodall Head of Year Igoodall@tmws.co.uk

#### Well-Being Centre - Mrs Bell & Mrs McCall

Mrs Bell & Mrs McCall work in the school's well-being centre. Their roles include supporting and encouraging the students by working with them on many aspects of their education. In liaison with the Heads of Year Mrs Bell & Mrs McCall will identify students requiring additional support and work with them on, for example, revision programmes, past examination papers, examination anxiety, well-being, emotional literacy support, aspiration and achievement. Mrs McCall also offers information on post-16 opportunities.

Email: lbell@tmws.co.uk or cmccall@tmws.co.uk



Mrs Bell ELSA Lead Ibell@tmws.co.uk



Mrs McCall Learning Mentor/Student Support Assistant cmccall@tmws.co.uk

#### First Aid/Medical Staff - TMWS

A team of six first aiders provide a duty rota throughout the school week. They operate within the guidelines of our First Aid Operating Procedure and Management of Medicines Policy. All have the St John Ambulance First Aid at Work (4 day) certification and all are experienced in practising first aid. When a student feels ill or suffers an injury at school, they will be treated by one of the team. All visits to the Medical Room are noted on the school's records and accidents are recorded in accordance with



the Medical Room are noted on the school's records and accidents are recorded in accordance with Health and Safety legislation. The First Aid staff will monitor Medical Room activity and report any relevant information/occurrences to appropriate members of staff. All medical room records are reviewed regularly by senior leadership and examined periodically by governors.

First aid staff below (In Order): Mrs Mason, Ms Allsop, Miss Skinner, Mrs McCall, Mrs Curtis & Mrs Jacobson.



#### **School Nurse - Helen Maull**

Our school nurse works within a team of nurses to promote the health and well-being of school aged children, with individuals, or with families either in school, homes or health centres. She gives advice, support and information about health issues, signposting and supporting students and their families in the accessing of other services. She also provides training and information in school to students with health needs, as well as a confidential 'drop-in' service. Students can talk in confidence about any worries they may have. The 'drop-in' clinic (Wednesday lunch) gives access to a range of information and services. Helen also deals with a diverse range of topics including bullying, difficulties with friendships or relationships, bereavement, young carers and healthy lifestyles.

School Nurse Helen Maull

Health and Wellbeing



#### **Medical Details**

Can parents please contact school as a matter urgency with any updated medical information regarding their children.

In the first instance please contact your child's Head of Year.

Year 7 - Mr Yeadon

Year 8 - Mrs Goodall

Year 9 - Miss Grayson

Year 10 - Ms Joshi

Year 11 - Mrs Hall

Could parents please also provide 2 emergency contact details where possible.

#### "KEEPING TMWS STUDENTS SAFE"

# Safeguarding - Health and Safety/Staffing

lain Robinson (Business Manager) is responsible for the coordination of health and safety/staffing at TMWS, including recruitment.

TMWS follows East Riding and Ofsted standards and guidance when recruiting staff. Any recruitment panel will include school managers and Governors who have undertaken 'Safer Recruitment in Education' training.

Any new member of staff (including temporary cover staff, student teachers and volunteers) is required to hold a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service clearance.

On commencing their employment, employees are required to undertake the ERSCB online Child Protection training course 'Awareness of Child Abuse and Neglect' and then receive annual update training as well as INSET sessions.

# Keeping Children Safe in Education

The DfE updates and publishes the "Keeping Children Safe in Education" document which comes in to effect each September

The guidance applies to all schools, whether maintained, non-maintained or independent, including academies and free schools, alternative provision academies and pupil referral units. It also applies to sixth-form colleges, further education colleges and relates to children under 18.

Schools and colleges must have regard to this guidance when carrying out their duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. The guidance sets out what the school/college should do and sets out the legal duties with which schools/colleges must comply.

All of our school Safeguarding Polices have been updated and are available on the school website at:

Safeguarding Policies

# Safeguarding - Child Protection

Clare Breen (Deputy Headteacher) is the DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) at TMWS .Laura Curtis is the Safeguarding and Child Protection Officer at TMWS and undertakes all operational aspects of the role.

On the training day in September all teaching staff were involved in our annual safeguarding update session led by Clare Breen

All new staff are inducted in Safeguarding on arrival and receive regular updates.

All of our Safeguarding policies and procedures can be found via the Safeguarding link on the home page of our school website.

http://www.themarketweightonschool.co.uk/safeguarding

# Safeguarding and Child Protection Governance

Rachel Davies (Chair of Governors) is responsible for Safeguarding and Child Protection.

Rachel oversees all aspects of safeguarding and she is a regular visitor in school.

Please contact Mrs Davies via the school if you have any queries relating to the management of the school's safeguarding/child protection procedures.



Mrs R Davies
Safeguarding and Child
Protection Governor
Email: sflorence@tmws.co.uk (PA to SLT)

## Safeguarding Assemblies September 2022

In addition to the themes that are covered on personal development days (PD days) and other special events organised throughout the year, such as reinforcing our Safer Internet Policy we organise two safeguarding assemblies each year.

In September Mrs Breen led a series of assemblies which set out to remind students of the need to seek help when it is needed, who they can contact and ask for help, and particularly our

responsibility to support and look after each other in our community.

Students were reminded how we protect ourselves against strangers in school, alongside how and why we make the school secure for them.

They were also reminded of the importance of standing up to bullying and always reporting any behaviour that they feel is directed either towards themselves, friends, or other members of our community. This includes travel on the buses where students can use Buswise to anonymously report concerns.

Students are also reminded of how to keep themselves safe on the internet and the importance of knowing who they are speaking to on social media platforms and what to do if they have any concerns. Mrs Breen stressed that pupils are responsible for their actions when using school ICT and personal technology. Also that pupils should think carefully before they share any information, photos videos.



Safeguarding Noticeboard in School

or

We have a safeguarding and CP noticeboard in school with all information, staff roles and contacts.

## **School Site Safeguarding Updates**

The school has continued to make changes to improve safeguarding on the school site over the past 4 years. These measures include gates and fencing around the front of the school to secure the site. Visitors are required to access the school through the front entrance.

The school also invested in fencing for the rear and side of the site. The Beverley Road corner entrance to the field has a gate which is locked during the school day. Pupils will need to exit and enter school via the front reception between 8.45 and 3.10.

Fencing the whole school grounds is the next phase of securing the school site.

The school have created an extended staff carpark at the far entrance which has allowed us to reserve spaces for visitors in the main carpark. This will reduce the amount of traffic parked on Spring Road making it safer and easier to drop off and collect students. Please do take care and park sensibly as buses and taxis take priority in the marked areas.

We use our extended bus lane in the morning, which requires pupils to enter the school premises via the pathway through the gap in the hedge avoiding pupils walking through the school car park.

The main school gates are closed at the end of the day for student safety until all buses have departed.





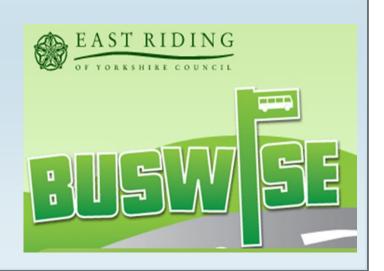


#### **Bus Wise**

If a student (or parent) becomes aware of an incident occurring on the school bus about which they are uncomfortable or which they feel should not be happening, they are encouraged to contact Buswise. This is an initiative run by the school transport section of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and it provides the means by which such incidents can be reported confidentially and anonymously. Buswise can be contacted by email or telephone. They will note the details then contact Mrs Townend, Assistant Headteacher, at school. Mrs Townend can thereby ensure that all incidents relating to school transport are investigated in accordance with the school's Behaviour Policy. The school and ERYC work together in connection with allegations made this way.

ERYC school transport inspectors regularly board the buses in order to check bus passes and to reinforce to students the consequences of unacceptable behaviour on board. Please follow the link:

www.buswise.co.uk



### **E-Safety - Online Training for Parents**

Mr Mattock is the school's e-safety Co-coordinator. E-safety forms a large part of our safeguarding commitment. If you have any questions, queries or anxieties relating to the safety of your child online, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Mattock at the school (Email: rmattock@tmws.co.uk).

Any parents wishing to partake in an online e-safety training module similar to the one our staff undertake should follow this link: https://www.e-safetysupport.com/onlinetraining?course=xqlfwjrHxqaG&school=323

## Parents' Guide to Technology

Children use and ask for a range of devices. Advice can be found at: <a href="http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/">http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/</a> advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-to-technology

Safer Internet offer a range of guides which have been created to answer questions and introduce some of the most popular devices, highlighting the safety tools available and empowering parents with the knowledge they need to support their children to use these technologies safely and responsibly.

Whether you're puzzled by parental controls or would like to know more about gaming, <a href="http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers">http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers</a> can help. We all know that it can sometimes be challenging to keep up to speed with what children and young people are doing online. This site gives a whole host of useful ways to keep your child safe.

## **Bullying**

Any incidents of bullying should be reported <u>immediately</u> to any member of staff, but preferably the students Form Tutor or Head of Year in the first instance. Advice and guidance can be found on the Bullying UK website.

https://www.bullying.co.uk/general-advice/

TMWS's anti bullying policy can be found on the website or by following the link below;

**School Policies** 









# Text anytime —we reply Monday to Friday 9 am until 5 pm — 07507 332891

ChatHealth is a confidential text messaging service for young people aged 11-19 years of age living and/or educated within the East Riding.

ChatHealth can also be accessed by young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities up to the age of 25. This messaging service enables young people to easily get in touch with their local School Nurses to discuss a range of topics and worries they may have, or make an appointment with a health practitioner. They can also find out how to access other local services including emotional support or sexual health services.

#### Chat Health

### Personal Development Days

Safeguarding plays an important part of our Personal Development Days. Throughout the year we look at a number of areas which help our students develop. As well as looking at e-safety we also study 'British Values', Relationships, Body Image, Respect and Tolerance, which contribute to the development of our students into good citizens. Alongside this we also study themes which prepare students for their adult life including, finance, business, CV Writing, Interview skills, and many more.

## **Cycle Safety/Scooters**

We want to encourage students to cycle to school for the obvious health benefits but we urge parents to ensure bikes are road worthy and your child is wearing a cycle helmet. Most do wear helmets but some don't and, although not law, I would strongly recommend that helmets should be worn. I would also like to remind students that when on school site they should walk with their bike for the safety of other students. Cycle access is through the front pedestrian entrance NOT over the field from Beverley Road. If students are riding dangerously around school they will receive a C3 sanction and a warning that continued dangerous behaviour will result in them not being able to bring a bike onto the school site. The use of scooters continues to be banned.

#### Well-being

The school now operate a well-being centre housed in the old school youth club. Alongside mentoring and our ELSA's (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants), Mrs Bell & Mrs Tyreman, we have 4 staff trained in youth mental health first aid in Miss Gemmell, Ms Joshi, Mrs Bell and Mrs Brice.

#### **CPOMS**

The school have used CPOMS for the past 4 years to record all child protection and safeguarding concerns in one central area. All staff have an account and send any concerns to Mrs Brice (CP Co-ordinator) and Mrs Breen (DSL) to be actioned in accordance with our policy.

Some relevant safeguarding links: <a href="http://erscb.org.uk/children-and-young-people/">http://erscb.org.uk/children-and-young-people/</a>



#### TMWS Student Council



The Student Council acts as the voice of the student body. It comprises 1 students from each tutor group and the Head Boy, Head Girl and their deputies who have been elected by their peers. They are a link between the student body as a whole and the Senior Leadership Team and Governors. Meetings are held each half term allowing the opportunity for the students to raise issues important to them and also express their opinions about school matters. This is a vitally important role within school; the Student Council has been the driving force behind several initiatives in school.

#### Measuring the impact of our Safeguarding Procedures

We are very keen that our Safeguarding message reaches all students and their families, and we constantly strive to develop and improve our procedures and practices. We always welcome your feedback. Other measures of impact include:

- Contact from individual students/parents.
- Interaction with students in assemblies and tutor group discussions.
- Meetings with the Student Council when feedback and suggestions are received.

If you would like to make a comment or suggestion, please contact Mrs C Breen, Designated Safeguarding Lead - cbreen@tmws.co.uk or Mrs L Curtis, Safeguarding & Child Protection Officer—lcurtis@tmws.co.uk

# 3 Steps To Safety

**Prevent. Notice. Act.** 

**YOUY** East Riding...

Creating a safe place to live, work, shop, learn, play, invest and visit







