



Safeguarding Newsletter—Summer Term 1 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

At Belle Vue Primary School safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and our top priority. Anyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play. We are going to send out a half termly safeguarding newsletter informing you of any recent safeguarding news as well as providing you with key details around a range of safeguarding issues. This newsletter will focus on the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL), the role of the DSL and introduce you to our Safeguarding Governor.

Best wishes

Mrs C. Davies

What is a Designated Safeguarding Lead?

Governing bodies should ensure that the school or college designates an appropriate senior member of staff to take lead responsibility for child protection. Key aspects of the 'Designated Safeguarding Lead' role include:

- ◆ Making sure all staff are aware how to raise safeguarding concerns
- ◆ Ensuring all staff understand the symptoms of child abuse and neglect
- ◆ Referring any concerns to social care
- ◆ Monitoring children who are the subject of child protection plans
- ◆ Maintaining accurate and secure child protection records
- ◆ Raising awareness of the school's safeguarding policies and procedures, and ensuring they are implemented and reviewed regularly

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

Mrs C. Davies—DSL

Mrs S. Richardson—Deputy DSL

Mrs A. Perrett—Deputy DSL

Mrs C. Mulligan—Deputy DSL

Our DSLs can be contacted via the school office, or by telephone on 01384 389900.

You can also contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on: 0300 555 0050 **If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police immediately on 999.**

Safeguarding Governor

Our Safeguarding Governor at Belle Vue Primary School is Mrs Anne Potter.

The safeguarding governor's responsibilities include:

- ◆ Behaviour and recruitment of both staff and volunteers, ensuring the school is following safe recruitment procedures
- ◆ Reviewing all activity and policy relating to the physical and emotional well-being of all children
- ◆ Seeking improvement to ensure the school follows best practice in creating a productive and safe environment for all

Anne can be contacted via the school office: info@belle-vue.dudley.sch.uk



Don't forget to look at our Safeguarding page on our school website. The school has recently launched its new 'child friendly' version of the Child Protection Policy. This can be found in Policies under the Key Information section.

Mr Marshall and Mrs Davies launched the policy during an assembly.

A big well done from Mrs Davies to the selection of children she took from Years 1 to 6 to test their safeguarding knowledge. Pupil voice is an important part of school monitoring and the children did us proud! This took place during the spring term and children were asked a variety of questions such as:

- ◆ Who can you talk to if you have a concern?
- ◆ Who are the school's DSL's?
- ◆ How can you keep yourself safe online?
- ◆ How do you keep safe in school/out of school?

All the children involved could identify the school's DSL and Deputies. Importantly, they all knew that they could talk to **any member of staff** if they had concerns. Children knew how to keep safe online and could clearly articulate their actions if something happened online which made them feel uncomfortable. Again, all children said they would report immediately to an adult if they felt there was an issue.

The next safeguarding newsletter will be published in the second half of the summer term.

**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**

