

Safeguarding, SEND, Behaviour & Attendance

March 2024

Welcome to our 4th Safeguarding, SEND, Behaviour & Attendance Newsletter of the academic year. We can't believe that we have come to the end of our spring term already. We really appreciate your continued involvement and support to ensure that everyone feels safe; are happy, and are learning and achieving.

Useful Numbers:

Walsall Children Services: 0300 555 2866

NCPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000

Walsall Citizens Advise Bureau:

Suite 10, 2nd Floor Bridge House, Bridge Street

WALSALL

West Midlands

WS1 1JQ

<http://www.walsallcab.org.uk/>

0300 330 1159 Advice line

(01922) 700600 Debt advice call-back and general office phone

Drop off and Collection

At the beginning and end of the academy day, parents are encouraged into the playground. This helps to build up a close relationship between home and the academy – we want to have good links with all parents. **Children must not be left unsupervised.** If normal arrangements have to be altered (eg. you are delayed or another person is collecting your child), please let the class teacher know or call the academy office on 01922 721323. This avoids any confusion or upset for the child/ren.

Please ensure you **park safely** when dropping off and collecting. Safety Just a reminder, please ensure any child/ren that are travelling in a vehicle are sitting in an appropriate **car seat** and are fastened in securely with a **seat belt**.

PE

Please ensure that your child/ren have their PE Kit in school. They require: Purple polo-shirt (with academy logo), black shorts; black pumps (for indoors); trainers (for outdoors), and for the colder months black joggers and a plain sweatshirt for outdoor lessons. For swimming sessions they will require: a swimming cap, swimming costume or swimming trunks/shorts.

***** No earrings or jewellery *****

Many thanks for your ongoing support and co-operation.
You can contact the Safeguarding, SEND & Attendance Team on

(01922) 721323 or via the Safeguarding mobile (07513) 137881

Did you know?

Walsall 2024 Crime Scorecard

Second Most Dangerous of the major towns in the West Midlands

53% higher, regional crime rate. West Midlands

82% higher, national crime rate, England, Wales & NI

Local Crime in Context

As of 2024, the crime rate in Walsall is 53% higher than the West Midlands and 82% higher than the England, Wales & Northern Ireland overall figure.

Something to Consider

We are entering the time of year when the weather causes indecision. As you leave home you face the dilemma of whether you need to take a warm coat or need sunglasses. And while the weather is far from predictable, the impact warmer conditions can have on crimes such as theft from vehicles is much easier to forecast.

As you read this latest message we want you to think if any of the following scenarios have ever applied to you?

- The weather turned out nicer than expected so you left your coat on the back seat of your car
 - It clouded over so you left your sunglasses on the dashboard or front seat
- You've left the loose change you didn't put in the parking meter on display in the car
 - You've left the window open a bit so the car doesn't get too warm
 - You're pretty sure your fob has done its job, but forgot to double check
- These are examples of seemingly normal behaviour that many will have done.

Sometimes the items left in the car may have minimal value. But an opportunist thief will often steal first and think later.

How to improve vehicle security is a message the police are keen to reinforce throughout the year. But it's especially necessary at a time of year when school holidays are approaching, and alongside normal business many will be looking forward to jumping in the car for park visits or returning from day trips slightly further afield.

The advice is simple. Remove all items from display and make sure doors are locked and windows are shut regardless of the amount of time you are leaving your car for.

If we can reduce the opportunity for opportunist vehicle crime then hopefully the only thing to ruin your day will be the rain.

Holiday time can be a stressful time for many people, for lots of different reasons.
Make sure you have time to talk, whether that's with a partner, a friend or someone in your family.

For more serious issues contact:

Mind (0300 123 3393), Samaritans (0808 164 0123) or Family Lives (0800 800 2222)