



## Little Bloxwich Primary School Parent Safeguarding Newsletter Spring Term 2 2026



Safeguarding & Child Protection is the most important issue for our children and young people.

At Little Bloxwich, we feel it is crucial to work with our parents and the multi agencies that support schools and young people, so that we can offer a safe environment allowing children to be aware of the risks they may face and how to respond to them safely.

**Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility**

**At Little Bloxwich we have the attitude of 'it could happen here' where safeguarding is concerned.**

The well-being and safety of our children is at the very centre of school life. Please be reassured that the issues covered here are dealt with in school in a sensitive and entirely age-appropriate way. We have a moral and legal duty to raise awareness and provide this information.

### Local Safeguarding Support

Walsall Safeguarding Partnership have produced a website with lots of information for parents and professionals to support safeguarding our children. On the website, you are able to report a concern, source help and get general advice about children and adult support within Walsall. For more information visit their website:

<https://walsallsp.co.uk/>

### Family Hubs

Walsall Family Hubs provide a welcoming space where children, young people aged 0-19 and up to 25 with additional needs and their families can go to get advice and support when they need it. Our Family Hubs are in the heart of local communities where services have come together providing one 'front door' access to get help and to talk to someone in a safe space about sensitive things that maybe worrying them.

A range of services are provided from within the Family Hub, for example:

Stay and plays 0 - 5 Years, Dads groups, Breastfeeding Support Groups, Register your baby's birth, Baby weigh clinic, Benefits & Financial Support, Child Development, Employment & Training, Housing, Feeding Support, Midwives & Health Visiting, Speech & Language, Parenting Support, Volunteering Opportunities and Early Help & Children's Social Care.

Getting help from a Family Hub is simple. You can walk in or telephone. Opening times are Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5pm. All our groups are free of charge and most you don't even need to book, just pop along.

For more information: <https://www.walsallfamilyhubs.co.uk/>

**If you believe that a child or an adult is at immediate risk of harm and in need of protection then you should call the Police - 999, straight away.**

If your concern have a concern for a child, you can contact Walsall Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0300 555 2866 (out of hours service 0300 555 2922) for further advice and support.

## Children's Mental Health Week

This year's **Children's Mental Health Week** was **9-15th February**, the theme was '**This Is My Place**'.

For young children, feeling that they belong is not just about happiness - it is about feeling safe, protected and valued. When children know they have trusted adults, predictable routines and spaces where they feel listened to, it supports their mental health and helps keep them safe. A strong sense of belonging helps children feel confident to speak up, ask for help and share worries before they become overwhelming. Children who feel secure in their relationships at home and school are better able to manage emotions, build healthy friendships and cope with challenges. Feeling included and accepted also reduces vulnerability, as children are more likely to seek support if something does not feel right.

### **Support for children and families**

If you ever have concerns about your child's emotional wellbeing or need advice or support, the following organisations offer trusted guidance for parents and children:

**Place2Be** - Provides mental health support in schools and practical advice for parents on children's emotional wellbeing.

**YoungMinds** - Offers a dedicated Parents' Helpline, resources on children's mental health and guidance on supporting children through worries, anxiety and big emotions.

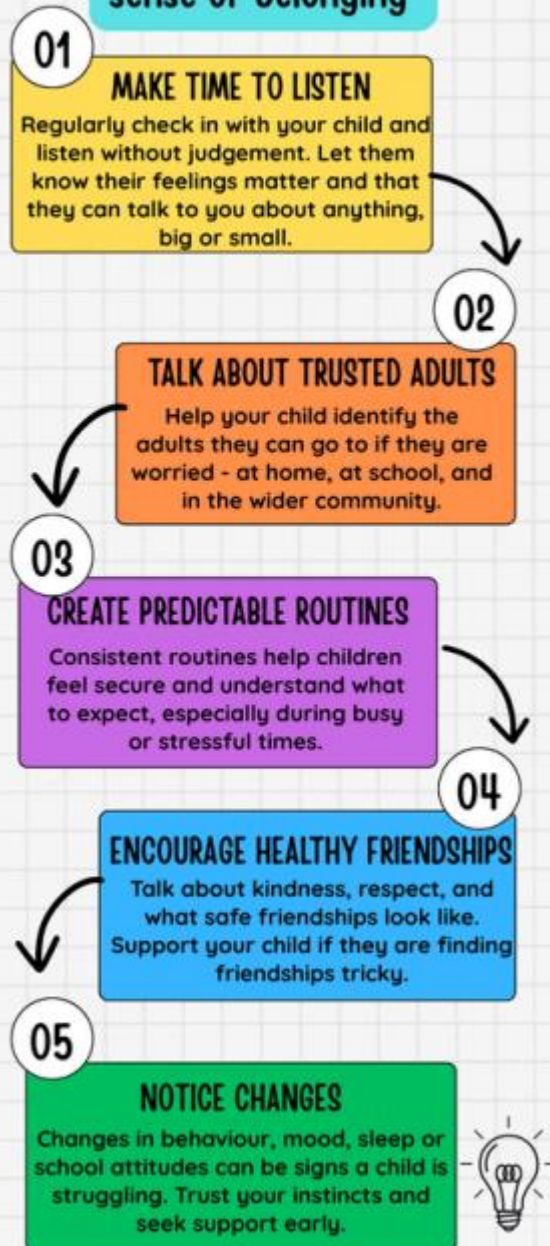
**NSPCC** - Provides advice and support around safeguarding, keeping children safe and what to do if you're worried about a child.

**Anna Freud Centre** - Shares evidence-based resources to help parents understand and support children's mental and emotional development.

**Childline** - A free, confidential service for children and young people who need someone to talk to. It can be reassuring for children to know support is available beyond home and school.

## **HOW PARENTS/CARERS CAN SUPPORT THEIR CHILD'S**

### **sense of belonging**



**If you are worried about your child, it's always best to seek support early. Please speak to Mrs Robinson if you have concerns - working together helps ensure children feel safe, supported and secure.**

### **Our School Safeguarding Team**

**Mrs Taylor – Head teacher – Designated Safeguarding Lead**  
**Mrs Robinson – Parent Support Advisor – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead**  
**Miss Oliver – Deputy Head teacher - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead**  
**Safeguarding Governor – Jennie Westley**

## Safer Internet Day: Smart Tech, Safe Choices

This year's Safer Internet Day was 10th February and the theme was '**Smart Tech, Safe Choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI**'. As technology becomes an everyday part of children's lives, it is important that we help them use it safely, responsibly and with confidence.

Many primary-age children already interact with technology that uses artificial intelligence (AI), such as voice assistants, games, learning apps and online content recommendations. These tools can support learning, creativity and curiosity when used appropriately and with adult guidance.

However, while AI can be helpful and engaging, it also presents risks that young children may not recognise. AI tools can sometimes provide inaccurate information, expose children to unsuitable content, or encourage them to trust what they see and hear too easily. Some platforms collect personal data, blur the line between what is real and computer-generated or present content in ways that feel friendly but are not designed with children's safety in mind. Without clear guidance, children may struggle to judge what is safe, making adult supervision and open conversations essential.

From a safeguarding perspective, supporting children to make safe choices online is just as important as keeping them safe offline. When children feel informed, supervised, and able to talk openly about their online experiences, they are more likely to speak up if something worries them. Helping children understand boundaries, protect personal information and know where to seek help builds confidence and reduces vulnerability.



**If you have any concerns about your child's online experiences, please speak to a member of school staff.**

**Working together helps ensure children feel safe, supported and confident to make smart choices online.**