



Little Bloxwich Primary School Parent Safeguarding Newsletter End of Year 2026



As the school year comes to a close, we would like to thank you all for taking the time to read the safeguarding newsletters and updates. Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility and it's important that staff and parents work together to do this. We hope that the information shared has been helpful and that you all feel confident talking to a staff member if you have any concerns.

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
Mrs Smith – SENCO – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Miss Lorraine Sedgwick - Wrap Around and Lunchtime – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Safeguarding Governor – Jennie Westley

Attendance and Safeguarding

The careful monitoring of attendance is key to improving the overall performance of pupil outcomes, but it is equally important in **keeping children safe** at **Little Bloxwich**.

Knowing who is absent and why, is fundamental to effective safeguarding. **Non-Attendance to school** or **unauthorised attendance**, can result in **safeguarding action**. Persistent absenteeism (attendance below 90%) and changes in patterns of attendance or pupil behaviour, are a key indication that something is wrong. As a school, we have a duty of care to take action.

A great deal of work has to be done to protect children. The key to early intervention is good communication between our school and our parents. School action will include:

- **Monitoring of attendance with accurate record keeping.**
- **Speaking to parent/carers making them aware that that absences will always be questioned. You will be asked to provide evidence of illness if your child's attendance is below 90%. Our staff do their best to maintain relationships and trust.**
- **If a child is absent for 3 or more days, regardless of their attendance or if we have no medical evidence for the absence, we will complete a 'safe & well' check and visit the child at home.**
- **Where there are causes for concern, we may make contact with the Local Authority MASH Team, a family Social Worker and the EWO (Education Welfare Officer).**
- **A Child Missing Education form may also be completed, to be followed up by the Local Authority.**

Supporting Your Child with Transition

Just like adults, children cope with changes and transitions in different ways. Some children breeze through with excitement and others feel anxious and need more support. At Little Bloxwich, we are very mindful of these differing needs so we plan our transitions to high schools and new classes carefully and with a great deal of thought. However, you as parents/carers play a vital role in making sure this is a positive experience for your children.

Here are some tips for supporting us with this:

Be positive! – How you react to change will strongly influence your child and if you feel anxious, so will they. Talk about the positive elements of change – new experiences, new opportunities, new topics and meeting new people.

Focus on the constants for your child, the things that will be the same. Those in Reception through to Y5 will be moving class with their peers so their friends will still be with them. They will still see familiar adults and many routines will be the same. For those in Y6 moving to High School, they too will have constants in terms of life at home and, for some, they too will still be with their peers in their new school.

Listen to any concerns that are forthcoming but don't go looking for them – remember that most children will be excited about the move and are more than ready for it.

Pick up places - If your child is moving from KS1 to KS2, talk about what this will look like at drop-off and pick-up times – you could even do some practice runs!

Keep in touch with friends during the holidays so that those connections stay strong.

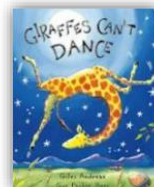
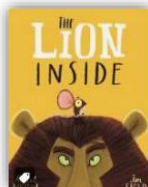
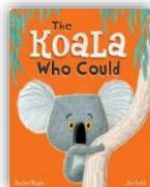
Recommended Reads

As we approach the end of the school year, here are some books that might help support your child with transitions:

The Koala Who Could, by Rachel Bright, “a funny tale for anyone who finds change a little bit worrisome”

The Lion Inside, also by Rachel Bright, “a story about confidence, self-esteem and a shy little mouse who sets out to find his roar”

Giraffes Can't Dance, by Giles Andreae, “a story about confidence, self-esteem and developing a positive mindset about trying new things”



Kids Eat Free Schemes Across the UK

Some supermarkets and restaurants allow children to eat for free or at a reduced rate during the school holidays. To access these schemes, children DO NOT have to be eligible for free school meals – they are available to anyone. Follow this link for all participating places:

<https://www.moneymagpie.com/save-money/where-can-kids-eat-for-1-or-less-this-holiday>

Report any concerns if you suspect a child is being abused or is in danger of being abused.

Please contact:

The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on: **0300 555 2966**

Out of Hours service: **0300 555 2922**

If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police immediately on 999.

Domestic Abuse Support

Refuge

FREE, 24-hour hotline: 08082000247

Black Country Women's Aid

24 Hour hotline: 0121 552 6448

Text or WhatsApp: 07384466181

Ask Marc

Telephone: 01212896402

Respect Men's Advice Line

08088010327

Food Banks

If you are in need of a foodbank voucher, speak to Mrs Robinson and she will be able to provide one for you to collect a parcel from Bloxwich & Blakenhall Foodbank. If school is closed, follow the links below:

Bloxwich & Blakenhall Foodbank (Bloxwich) <https://bloxwichblakenall.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/how-to-get-help>

Walsall North Foodbank (Pelsall) <https://walsallnorth.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/how-to-get-help/>

Adult Mental Health

If you find yourself in a mental health crisis,

Call 111 and select **option 2**.

Specially trained mental health staff are available to speak to.

You can also text: **07860 025 281**

If you have physically harmed yourself, or if you feel your life is at risk, then go immediately to A&E

SHOUT is a **free** 24/7 text based service for anyone in the UK who are struggling with their mental health.

Text the word '**SHOUT**' to **85258**. Trained volunteers are there to listen and it doesn't show on your bill.

<https://giveusashout.org>

Let's Chat

Walsall Community Transport provide a Let's Chat service. They connect people and their local communities with the aim of tackling loneliness with transport. Meet new friends, get advice, or find out more about local services and support groups.

<https://walsallct.org.uk/lets-chat/>

<https://www.tfwm.org.uk/campaigns/let-s-chat/>

Child Mental health

Young Minds offer support to both parents and children.

Further information can be found here: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

Childline: 0800 11 11

NSPCC offer support in recognising and responding to child mental health concerns.

Further information can be found here: <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-health-development/child-mental-health>

Family Hubs

A family hub is a place where children, young people and families can go when they need support. The 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 may be worrying them.

Services Available:

Benefits & Financial Support
Child Development
Family Help & Children's Social Care
Employment & Training
Housing
Infant Feeding Support
Midwives & Health Visiting
Speech & Language
Stay & Plays
Parenting Support
Police
Volunteering Opportunities



Our Local Family Hub:

North Locality Family Hub
275 Blakenhall Lane,
Blakenhall,
Walsall.
WS3 1HJ
Telephone: 01922 654589

<https://www.walsallfamilyhubs.co.uk/family-hubs/walsall-family-hubs/find-hub>

What to tell your child in case they get lost?

Don't Panic! Make sure that whenever you go somewhere new, plan and talk to your child about what they should do if you become separated.

Identify a meeting place – this could be the front door, last place you saw each other, help desk

Identify safe adults – is it someone in a uniform? Police? Supermarket worker?

Make sure your child knows all of this before going out and about!

Summer Safety Tips

We hope you have a wonderful summer holiday and find time to have fun as a family. Below are some top tips in staying safe during the holiday:

1. **Keep children safe around water** - Go swimming at properly-supervised sites
2. **Follow the five S's of sun safety:**
 - Sunscreen** – slop on SPF 30+ broad-spectrum waterproof sunscreen every two hours
 - Sun hat** – put on a broad-brimmed hat that shades your face, neck and ears
 - Sunglasses** – wear wrap-around sunglasses with UV protection to shield the eyes
 - Shoulders** – slip on a T-shirt or UV protective suit for children and remember to keep your shoulders covered
 - Shade** – seek shade, particularly during the hottest time of the day between 11am and 3pm
3. **Make sure your children know how to cross the road safely** - Sounds very basic, but when young children are out and about with their friends, they can easily get distracted or might take risks when crossing roads. Ensure they have the skills and understanding to deal with roads and traffic safely.
4. **Temporary tattoo (of your phone number) in case they get lost** - This is a great tip to ensure your child will always be able to contact you, even if they have not got access to their own phone or have forgotten your number. It is a particularly good idea at busy events like festivals or theme parks where you could get separated in a crowd.
5. **Talk to your child about what to do if they separate from you** - If your child gets separated from you in public, a police officer would be a good person for them to ask for help, but they're not always around. While you'll never exactly know who is safe and who isn't, a mum or dad with their own children is usually a good choice, they are likely to want to help and will know what to do.
6. **Have fun and plan activities together** - The summer holidays can be a great chance to spend time with friends and family. Some children may feel a bit lonely or may miss the routine they have when they are in school. Try to keep children's sleep routines the same as this will help when returning to school. Plan plenty of opportunities to go out as a family and have fun



Helpline Numbers

Childline (information, advice and support for young people)	0800 1111
NSPCC (concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing)	0808 800 5000
Family Action (For parents who are struggling or feel overwhelmed) Call: 0808 802 6666 Text: 07537404282 Email: familyline@family-action.org.uk Chat: https://family-action.org.uk/	
Family Lives (Free helpline Service for families)	0808 800 2222
Citizens Advice (for advice about money, debt and benefits)	0800 144 8848
Samaritans (emotional and mental health support)	116213 / 0330 094 5717
Walsall Talking Therapies (Mental health support)	0800 953 0995