

Safeguarding Information for Parents



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SAFEGUARDING/CHILD PROTECTION

Safeguarding officers:



Mr Santos
Designated Officer



Mr Bedford



Ms Trewin



Mrs Salter



Mr Salter

The above are the staff responsible for child protection/safeguarding issues.

**If you have any concerns about the safety of any students in your classroom
please contact the above by emailing:**

CHILD PROTECTION

Please give brief details of your concerns or an account of what happened.

One of the team will act as soon as they see it. If there is a delay please
report

to Lorraine Mitchell / Natalie Baker in the office who will find one of us.

As with all safeguarding concerns, please remember that you cannot promise confidentiality when a child's safety is at stake. Please tell the child that you will refer the issue to a member of the Child Protection team. All our students have been made aware of the identities of the Child Protection team and it is written in their planners.

Child Protection officers will investigate a case and make a decision as to
whether

to refer to the Child Protection Service in the relevant Borough.

All information will be confidential to the team and the Headteacher,
although relevant staff
will be notified that there is a Child Protection case in process.

Things to Avoid

The school will always permanently exclude a pupil for the following:

- a) Having an offensive weapon in school
- b) Possession of any illegal drugs (*) in school
- c) Supply or intent to supply illegal drugs in or out of school
- d) Assaulting a member of staff

Other serious incidents may result in permanent exclusions or a fixed exclusion up to 45 days.

Permanent exclusion is a last resort for Twyford Trust schools and all steps will be taken to avoid it. However, persistent failure to comply with the school's behaviour policy may also lead to a permanent exclusion.

() the school will always use the most up to date list of illegal drugs as provided on the government service information website (www.gov.uk).*

Offensive weapon in the school context includes knives of any description or size – pocket knives, craft knives etc

The full Behaviour Policy can be found on the Twyford Trust website:

<https://twyfordacademies.org.uk/assets/documents/directors-information/policies/Twyford-Trust---Behaviour-Policy-June-2018.pdf>

Use of Mobile Phones

Mobile Phones (Key Stage 3 & 4 students)

Parents who wish their child to carry a mobile phone to school should do so only according to the following

- The phone should not be a smart phone or be capable of taking photos or connecting to the internet. (See school website for details of approved models).
- It should be clearly marked with the student's name.
- The phone should be switched off before the student enters the school site and placed in their school bag.
- The phone should not be brought out at any point during the school day
- It should only be used before or after school when students are well out of sight of the school entrances.

A school brand mobile phone remains the responsibility of the student at all times and the school will not take action if it is lost or stolen.

Searching

There may be occasions where a member of staff is required to search a student's personal belongings to look for a mobile phone (this will be done in accordance with the DfE guidance on searching and screening).

- If during a search a 'school approved phone' is found it will not be confiscated provided it does not contain any evidence relating to an investigation AND when it is found it is switched off.
- All non -school recommended phones and school-approved phones that are not switched off will automatically be confiscated as part of a search.

Immediate confiscation

- Any phone that is seen or heard during the school day (school issue or otherwise) will automatically be confiscated.
- Any phone which is seen before or after school, within sight of the school entrances will automatically be confiscated

Confiscation period

When a phone is confiscated, it will not be returned until the end of the full school term in which it is confiscated

Sexting

Sexting and the law information leaflet can be found on the school website.



Possessing and distributing indecent images

Sexting and the Law

- It is a crime to possess, take, make, distribute or show anyone an indecent or abuse image of a child or young person **under 18** years of age. Note that whilst the age of consent is 16, the relevant age in relation to indecent images is 18
- A child under the age of 18 commits an offence by making and possessing a sexually explicit image of themselves.
- A child commits a further offence if they distribute the image
- A person receiving the image is also liable for an offence of possessing the image. Under no circumstances should you save the image, show it or send it to another person

School Behaviour Expectations

The general school behaviour expectations already states that

- Students should not take any action which affects the health and well-being of others e.g. dangerous behaviour on the school site, bullying, fighting, use of internet sites or other social media

Any student who shows inappropriate images or sends/posts inappropriate images of one student to another would automatically receive a serious sanction by breaking the above rule.

The school also takes very seriously the offence that a student commits when they take and share an inappropriate image of themselves as they are acting illegally and potentially affecting their own future well-being

- Any student who is found to have made, possessed or sent an sexually explicit image of themselves is acting illegally and would automatically expect to receive a serious sanction

Online Safety & Behaviour Expectations

- Students should never post photos in school uniform or identify where they live or go to school.
- Students can/will be sanctioned in school for online acts against other students or that bring the school's name into disrepute.
- Parents should report online bullying to Head of Year.



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