



News from the Nest

Summer 1/2022

Dear Parents and Carers, Children and Families,

I hope you all enjoyed the Easter holiday and the sunshine we had for a few days. I look forward to an enjoyable and memorable Summer Term with you, the School Community, as we looked forward to Sports Days, Celebrating our Year 6 children, Parents' Evening and much more! Please see over the page for some key dates - these will also be on our weekly videos as a reminder.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IS EVERYBODY'S RESPONSIBILITY

I wanted to take this opportunity, as we start a new term, to offer you some key information regarding our commitment to keeping children safe - both at Wren's Nest Primary and in Dudley.

Sadly, the news continues to report cases of children who have been hurt or suffer at the hands of people who should have been caring for them. At Wren's Nest, we have rigorous procedures that we follow to protect children from harm. These are explained in our **Safeguarding Policy**. A copy of our policy is also on our school website - please visit www.wrens-nest.dudley.sch.uk. This policy is also available to all Parents and Families (paper copy) upon request from the school office.



All Governors, Staff, Volunteers and Parents have a duty to safeguard all children attending or visiting Wren's Nest by:

1. Ensuring that we carry out thorough checks on all adults who work in school on a professional and voluntary basis (including parent helpers).
2. Equipping children with the skills they need to help keep them safe.
3. Supporting children who have been harmed or are at risk of harm or neglect.
4. Applying rigorous systems for recognising and reporting cases of harm or neglect.
5. Establishing a safe environment in which children feel secure, are encouraged to talk and are listened to.



We work closely with Dudley Children's Services to support individual children and their families during times of crisis or need.

The Designated SAFEGUARDING Lead (DSL) for Wren's Nest Primary School is Miss Amber Harris.

She is assisted in this role by Mrs Julie Smith, Mrs Sarah Parkes, Mrs Tracey Cadman and Mrs Emily Vivash.

All Parents have a responsibility to protect their children or their neighbour's children or the child they see wandering the streets alone, late at night, tired, hungry or distressed. If you have a concern about a child, please contact any one of the above staff or Dudley Children's Services on **0330 555 0050**.



In partnership with Dudley Safeguarding People Partnership, we teach children how to stay safe through our curriculum including The Dot Com Programme and conversations that take place in school. The Dot Com programme was written and created by the charity 'Dot Com Children's Foundation'. This education programme aims to encourage positive values in children, and helps to guide their decision making throughout their lives.

Using journals and the characters within the programme, children learn about safety, bullying, feelings, the emergency services, choices, values, religion, their body's early warning signs and more.

We have a strong culture and '**relentless approach**' to Safeguarding (Ofsted 2022). You will be familiar with this slide - it is visible in each assembly and around school for children and visitors to see, as well as being included in each weekly video for the school community. We, as a school, teach children who the 'Trusted Adults' are in school and what qualities a trusted adult must have for a child to place their trust in them.

Our 'Safeguarding Board' is visible and placed in high prominence in the Main Entrance of school. In addition to this, all visitors are given a Safeguarding Information leaflet when they arrive at school explaining the practice and procedures that are in place at Wren's Nest to ensure we protect ALL children.



Online Safety Guide

Children's use of the internet is becoming more mobile and interactive offering young people more opportunities to interact and meet new people, so it's never been more important to make sure you are helping your child stay safe in the digital world.

15 hours a week

Children's internet use has reached record highs. 5-15 year olds spend 15 hours a week online

2x

The number of children with a social media profile doubles between the age of 10 and 11. 43% of 11 year olds have a social profile

44%

44% of 5-15 year olds have their own tablet and together with smartphones are the most popular for going online.

Get in control of parental controls



If using a smartphone, check content lock is set



Set parental controls on your home broadband



Control app downloads and purchases



Make the games console safe and secure



Use safety mode on YouTube and Google



If using social networks, check privacy settings

Go to internetmatters.org/controls for step-by-step guides

Managing privacy settings on apps

11-15 year olds use on average 5 different websites and apps to communicate with friends at home, the most popular being Instagram (60%).



Whatsapp Snapchat Instagram YouTube

If your child is using these networking sites and respective apps, get up to speed on how they can manage their privacy settings with our "How to guides".

Go to internetmatters.org/back-to-school to download our "How to guides".

Helping parents keep their children safe online.

internetmatters.org

It is also very important to us that children stay safe online. The Internet can be such a wonderful place to learn new information and find out about many things. Access to the Internet is quickly available on many devices, so it is vital that we teach our children the importance of staying safe when online, as sadly, such a wonderful resource as the Internet can also have many negative influences.

In school, we teach the children how to access a range of different computing resources via a range of different technologies as well as key safety information for keeping personal information secure such as the importance of having a 'strong' password, and what a weak one can look like.

This guide is useful in helping managing online usage in the home. Children want to interact with others through a range of platforms, however, for some, there are legal age requirements.

Social Media has many benefits for aspects of modern living, but, for children, there can be unnecessary pressure placed upon them, as well as unkindness and negativity - I am sure you agree, this isn't something we want for our children.

If you need any more information, please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff. PLEASE can I ask that you check your children's safety features and privacy settings on their devices, as well as appropriate age restrictions for any platforms/apps/games they maybe accessing so they are safe online at home as well as in school.

As you know, keeping your children safe in school is our highest priority. This is done in many ways including coming into and leaving school. To do this, it is really important **that the yellow zig zag lines remain clear at all times** as well as, if parking, doing so responsibly - no obstructing the sight for parents, children and families crossing the road. Thank you for supporting school with this and ensuring there are 'safe zones' for children to cross the road.



It is also important for children to come into school and leave school in a healthy environment. For this reason, please remember, as a school, we are a smoke free environment.

It is also very important to keep the areas around the main school gates smoke free.

I hope this newsletter has updated you with key information regarding keeping your children safe and healthy in school, as well as keeping them safe online at home. Keeping your children safe is so important to us here at Wren's Nest -

we will always do our very best to do just that.

Thank you for your on-going support as we **work together to protect and keep our school community safe.**

As always, take care,

Sarkes

Mrs Sarah Parkes - Headteacher

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact school and talk to us:

- **School Mobile:** 07858 986604
- **School telephone line:** 01384 818515
- **Email:** info@wrens-nest.dudley.sch.uk

IMPORTANT DATES IN SCHOOL:



Reports out to parents: Monday 20th June 2022

Sports Days -

14th June - Reception Sports Day at 2:00pm (back up - 20th at 2:00pm)

15th June - Key Stage 1 Sports Day at 10:30am (back up - 17th at 10:30am)

23rd June - Key Stage 2 Sports Day Y3/4 10:00am, Y5/6 2pm (back up - 28th June at 10:30am)

High school transition week - week beginning Monday June 27th 2022

Year 6 Beach Party: Monday 18th July 2022

Year 6 performance: Performance to families - Friday 1st July 2022 - 2pm

Transition begins: Monday 18th July 2022

Leaver's Service: Formal service - Thursday 21st July 2022- 10am

Holiday Dates



Half Term:

Monday 30th May until Friday 3rd June 2022

Children return to school after Half Term on Monday 6th June 2022 at 8:40am

Summer Holidays:

Children break up from school on Thursday 21st July 2022 at 3:20pm.

Schooled closed to Children (Voting Station) Thursday 5th May 2022

New School Year:

Children start back to school on Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 8:40am

Parents' Evening

Advance notice:

Following the success of our Parents Evenings during the Autumn Term, Parents' Evening will be held over two evenings with an appointment system being operated on the following dates:

Tuesday 21st June - KS1, Rainbow Room and Sunflowers.

Wednesday 22nd June - KS2, Pumas, Shooting Stars and The Pod.

Your class teacher will provide you with an appointment slip.

Advance Notice!

Key Stage 2 SATs week:

Monday 9th May - Friday 13th May 2022

Year 4 Multiplication tests:

Week beginning 6th June 2022
(3 week period)

Key Stage 1 assessments:

Two week period beginning 9th May 2022

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week:

Week beginning 6th June 2022

Y6 SAT National tests 9th - 13th May 2021

All Y6 must be in school during this week - please do not book holidays during this time.

Thank you.