



Tuesday 5th September 2023

Dear Parent/carers,

September 2023 - Safeguarding Update

Firstly, I would like to say Welcome Back and a huge thank you for your continued support of the safeguarding team at Ash Green School. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and your efforts to promote this do not go unrecognized.

United Against Bullying Plus

Prior to the summer holidays saw the launch of the "No Bullying Here" campaign. The launch was very successful, with students taking part in anti-bullying workshops and assemblies. Students will continue to have access to the - nobullyinghere@ashgreenschool.org.uk email address which is monitored daily by the safeguarding team.

We are not very proud to announce that Ash Green School are part of the *Anti-Bullying Alliance - United Against Bullying Plus* program for secondary schools in partnership with Kidscape and funded by Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) and the Youth Endowment Fund (YEF). This is an exciting opportunity for Ash Green School taking a whole school approach at addressing bullying and taking preventative measures to stamp out bullying within our school.

Diversity Committee

We also saw the launch of the Diversity Committee. Students from across all year groups met to discuss strategies in promoting and celebrating the diversity we have here at Ash Green School. This will continue into the new year and we hope to make this a prominent part of the Ash Green Community.

Safeguarding Website

There will be an update to the safeguarding section on the Ash Green website with ample information around local and national services. We will be sending out safeguarding update letters each month which will also be accessible via the website.



An addition to the safeguarding website will also be, "Lets Talk" where students can share their concerns with the safeguarding team. We hope this may alleviate any anxious feelings students may have about asking for support or reporting any concerns face to face.

The Student Voice

The Student Voice is also still accessible to students. Posters on how to access the Student Voice are placed around school. There is also a section live on the website.

Coffee Mornings

We feel it is extremely important to keep strong connections with our parents and carers therefore, we are continuing with our coffee mornings. Our first morning will be held in conjunction with attendance on **22nd September 2023 09:30am-11:00am.**

Your safeguarding team are:

Karen Fox – Designated Safeguarding Lead

Natalie Harrison – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

We are looking forward to working with you in what we know will be a fantastic year. As a safeguarding team we take pride in ensuring our students are kept safe and feel safe at Ash Green School. We are here to support and guide parents where needed, and ensure they feel supported in helping to create a safe environment for our students.

Yours sincerely

Karen Fox (DSL) and Natalie Harrison (DDSL)