

## Safeguarding your Children and Young People Information for Parents & Carers

Please check out our safeguarding page on our website:

<https://www.westfieldacademy.co.uk/about-us/safeguarding.htm>

There is a host of information, advice and links to excellent websites to offer support and guidance.



If you need to contact the safeguarding team at Westfield Academy please use the reporting form on our website or use the following email address: [safeguarding@westfieldacademy.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@westfieldacademy.co.uk) This will be monitored by the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Deputy Safeguarding Lead only during normal school hours.

**IF URGENT AND THE YOUNG PERSON IS AT RISK OF HARM PLEASE CALL the Police on 999 or Children's Social Care (Somerset Direct) on Tel:0300 123 2224. Out of hours service please call the Emergency Duty Team on Tel:0300 123 2327.**

## Attendance

The impact on student success when attendance falls is dramatic, nationally if a student misses on average one day of school per fortnight then the chances of achieving GCSE English and Maths at grades 9-4 falls from 83.7% to 35.6%. Also from a safeguarding perspective knowing your child is safe in school is of utmost importance. If your child is too unwell to be in school please ensure that you call our attendance line on 01935 446885 or email [attendance@westfieldacademy.co.uk](mailto:attendance@westfieldacademy.co.uk) before 830am on the morning of absence. Please ensure you contact school every day your child is absent.

If you are unsure if your child is too unwell for school, please do send them to school and rest assured we will contact home if we need to during the day.

If you have not contacted the school about an absence you will receive an email, phone call or home visit. We will only authorise absence other than for illness in exceptional circumstances. Please request an absence form from the attendance officer, Mr Johnson if necessary.

## Road Safety

As you can imagine, the school gates are very busy places at the start and the end of the school day.

Conditions are worsened with the dark and gloomy weather conditions at this time of year.

Please remind your child/ren of safety tips (highway code) when crossing the road; wearing of fluorescence clothing for younger children, wearing headphones/airpods not only prevent them hearing traffic approaching but also ensures their focus is not on road safety & being mindful of other pedestrians using the pavements, etc.

Please do not drop your children off outside of the school on the zig zag yellow lines, these are designed to ensure that school entrances are kept clear of hazards and traffic. Parking in this area compromises our students' safety.



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## Wellbeing@Westfield

Westfield Academy have been recognised for outstanding practice by Public Health for the pillar of belonging in their whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing. Public Health recognised that Westfield have gone the extra mile to make a difference in the school community and they wanted to thank us for putting wellbeing at the heart of education.

The award was coupled with a letter of commendation, gratitude and recognition to the Safeguarding team; Ms Broom and Mrs Coles 'whose passion, commitment and leadership skills have truly made a difference in contributing to a whole school approach to positive mental health and wellbeing'.



Please look out for our new Instagram page @wellbeingatwestfield where you will find useful resources and tips from the Safeguarding Team.

## Violence to Women & Girls Workshop and Assemblies

We look forward to welcoming Collaborate Digital back into school on Thursday 9 February. They will host a workshop for some year 9s students followed by two assemblies in the afternoon for the remainder of year 9 and year 10.

Collaborate digital use teamwork, creativity and media production to deliver active learning and deeper understanding of social issues, in this case focussing on violence against women and girls. The project will cover the most relevant and up-to-date facts about violence against women and girls, highlighting local case studies and the consequences for young people, their friends and family.



Collaborate  
Digital



Scholarship - Teamwork - Resilience

Integrity - Versatility - Empathy