

BETHS GRAMMAR SAFEGUARDING

NEWSLETTER



1. Excellence
2. Community
3. Respect

Welcome to the first edition of the Beths Grammar Safeguarding Newsletter this academic year. This edition covers a number of very pertinent themes and relevant information regarding support over the forthcoming Christmas break.

Our fantastic pastoral teams continue monitor and support each student in their care. Parents and carers are politely reminded to report any concerns to your child's form tutor in the first instance.

Should concerns be of a more serious nature, they will be picked up by Mr Jones or Mrs Searby, our designated safeguarding team. They can be contacted directly on **esafe@beths.bexley.sch.uk**. This mailbox is monitored during term time only.

Should parents or carers have any major concerns of a safeguarding nature during the holidays then they should contact children's social services for the borough in which the reside.

Social care for children | London Borough of Bexley

Contact Children's Services | Royal Borough of Greenwich

Safeguarding – Dartford Borough Council

Turnstiles at Beths Grammar

In order to improve our safeguarding systems and processes on site, we have now installed the turnstile entry system at the West Gate. Please note that all scholars should now enter via the West Gate Entrance until 9.30am. Any scholars arriving after 9.30am should enter via the East Gate. We do respectfully request that any parents or carers collecting scholars from school avoid parking across our local residents driveways. As a large school situated in a heavily residential area it is important we do not inconvenience our neighbours in any way. We would also ask parents and carers to remind our young people that they represent the school values of community, excellence and respect when travelling to and from school every day.

Parents are again reminded that scholars should not be arriving to the school site **any earlier than 8.00am** in the morning. Once on site they should report to the main hall, LRC, covered quad or recreational areas. Tutor rooms are only staffed from 8.30am onwards.



Mr Jones (DSL)



Mrs Searby (DDSL)


Free porridge is available in the canteen daily from 8.00am

Useful resources for parents

Kooth Mental Health support over the Christmas break

We appreciate there will be some young people who may struggle during the holidays without the regular and daily support provided by our pastoral teams, trusted adults and friends that the school community provides.


Please therefore do remember that Kooth's services remain open for them to access at any time over the Easter break.




Free, safe and anonymous
online support for young people

Monday - Friday 12pm - 10pm
Saturday - Sunday 6pm - 10pm


On Kooth you can




Chat to our friendly
counsellors



Read articles
written by young
people



Get support from
the Kooth
community



Write in a daily
journal

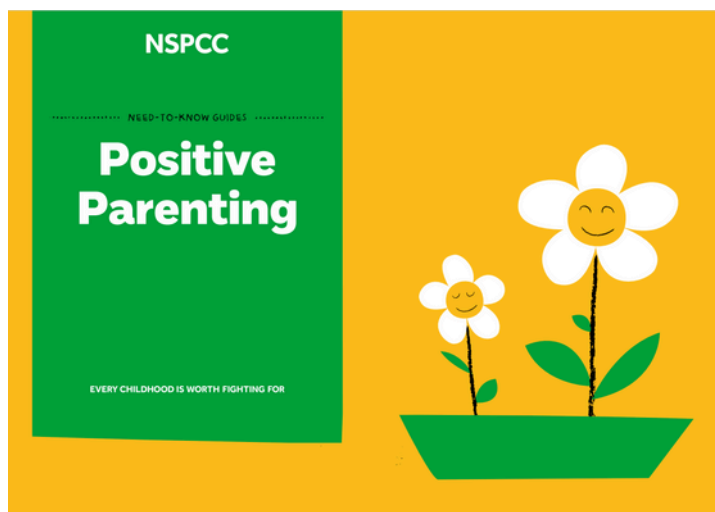
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Safeguarding policy

All schools have a responsibility to publish their safeguarding policy. Please find our safeguarding policy for the academic year 2025/2026 [here](#). If and parents or carers have any feedback in relation to this, then please do feel free to share this via the email address above.



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Source: UK Safer Internet Centre

Kids eat free or for £1

Please see the link below to an article outlining where families can eat for free or virtually free over the coming Christmas break

**Where can kids eat free or cheap this Christmas?****Useful mental health contacts for young people**

Mind have some very useful resources and support lines listed here

<https://www.mind.org.uk/for-young-people/how-to-get-help-and-support/useful-contacts/>

YOUNGMINDS

There is also a very useful link below

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/>

It is important that young people are signposted to support services should they need them

NHS Support for parents and young people
Source: NHS Website

**Mental Health Support on 111**

Anyone experiencing a mental health crisis can now benefit from support through 111, the NHS has recently announced (27th August 2024).

The change means the NHS in England is one of the first countries in the world to offer access to a 24/7 full package of mental health crisis support through one single phone line. People of all ages, including children, who are in crisis or concerned family and loved ones can now call 111, select the mental health option and speak to a trained mental health professional.

Safeguarding: The reality of Christmas for vulnerable children

Support over the Summer break

Useful links

[Home - Kooth](#)



Please do let us know if there are any specific topics you would like us to cover or any other feedback you would like to provide using this link.

Wishing all of the Beths Grammar school community a restful Christmas break.

Mr Jones and Mrs Searby

Beths Safeguarding team

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Lifelines and Support Networks for the holidays

- The [NSPCC](#) are here to help 24/7 and children can call their Childline number on 0800 1111
- [Shout](#) is the UK's first 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help. Text 85258
- Anna Freud Crisis Messenger – If you need support, you can text AFC to 85258. A free, confidential, 24/7 text message support service for anyone who is feeling overwhelmed or is struggling to cope.
- [Educateagainsthate](#) provides practical advice and support on protecting children from extremism and radicalisation
- [Internet Matters](#) provide age-specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set parental controls, and practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world
- [Talking to your child about online sexual harassment: A guide for parents](#) – This is the Children's Commissioner's parental guide on talking to their children about online sexual harassment.
- [Anti-Bullying Alliance](#) – Detailed information for anyone being bullied, along with advice for parents and schools. Signposts to various helplines and websites for further support.
- [Local children social care](#): If you think a child or young person is at risk or being abused or neglected, contact the children's social care team at their local council. If you do not know where they live, contact your local council's team, the [NSPCC](#) or the Police for advice.
- [Find a food bank](#)