

Friday 20th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

At The Wordsley School, the safety and wellbeing of our pupils is of the utmost importance. To ensure that all members of our school community are well-prepared for any eventuality, we would like to share the measures we have in place to keep your children safe while they are in our care.

Our Safeguarding Team, which includes Mrs Ketteringham, Mrs Burgess, Mr Wright-Evans, and Mr Griffiths, along with our Heads of Year and Pastoral Support Leads, are committed to safeguarding all students. They work closely together to ensure that the support available to your children is both robust and effective.

We have already completed rehearsals for our fire drills and assembly points, ensuring that all pupils and staff know how to respond in the event of an emergency. As part of our continued efforts, we will also be introducing lockdown protocols during assemblies next week. These protocols will be rehearsed in the following weeks to help pupils understand how to respond to environmental risks such as fires, air pollution, and, in the unlikely event, the presence of an intruder on the school site.

We recognise that discussing these safety measures may cause some anxiety for our pupils and parents alike. However, these assemblies and drills are designed to provide reassurance and help reduce any fears by ensuring pupils know exactly what to do if an unlikely situation should arise. Following the assemblies, we will be holding two drills, one planned, where pupils will know it is a drill and one 'surprise'.

We are sharing this information with you in advance to alleviate as many concerns as possible. When drills do occur, these will be communicated to you fully using our parental in touch text message.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping The Wordsley School a safe and secure environment for all.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Ketteringham

Designated Safeguarding Lead