

Welcome to the Spring Term Part 1 Safeguarding Newsletter. Safeguarding the children within our school continues to be at the top of our agenda and is at the core of the work we do. Working with parents and our local community is key to ensuring your children are kept safe. We hope this newsletter continues to provide you with up to date and relevant information. As always, please do let us know if there is anything specific you would like to know more about.

## Smoking and Vaping

As you know we have a strict rule of no smoking on the school premises. This rule also applies to vaping, please do not smoke or vape on school premises.

We also ask you to be mindful where you smoke outside the school gates, a number of concerned parents have highlighted to us that they are walking past several smokers directly outside the school gates.

Please also be aware that you cannot smoke in a car (yes, even your own) if one of the passengers is a child under 12.



## **A message to all parents and carers who drive around Blakenhale academy**

Please be careful when driving around the academy at busy times. There has been occasions where cars have been driving too fast and have very nearly caused an accident. Also, can you please be careful on how your child/children exit your car. There have been incidents where pupils are exiting on the road and cars have to stop quickly to stop hitting them.

Also, please be mindful when parking your car that you don't block any of our local resident's driveways.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

## **Keeping our community clean**

We have been in contact with Birmingham City council about all the dog mess around the pavements of the academy. They have responded to say new signage will be put up around the school and the area will be closely monitored. They have also said that they will completing a street cleansing service when we ask them to. Let's work together to keep the community as clean as we can and pick up your dog's mess and dispose of it appropriately.

Do you need to **talk** to someone?



Do you know our Safeguarding team?

If you are concerned that a child is being harmed, is at risk of harm, or you receive a disclosure (intentionally or unintentionally) you must contact a member of the safeguarding team as quickly as possible.



Mrs Hoods-Truman  
Executive Principal  
DSL



Mr Hunt  
Deputy Principal  
(Juniors)



Mr Clements  
Deputy Principal  
(Infants)



Mrs Mardenborough  
Deputy DSL  
Attendance Officer  
(Juniors)



Mrs Moore  
Deputy DSL  
(Infants)

## Domestic Abuse

Recent articles in the news have highlighted the impact of domestic abuse on children. We understand that it can be extremely difficult to seek help and support, however, please do contact school if we can help in any way, or use one of the contacts below;

Women's Aid Federation of England: [www.womensaid.org.uk](http://www.womensaid.org.uk)

Mankind (supporting male victims of domestic violence, though it helps all callers regardless of sex, race or sexual orientation): Helpline 01823 334244  
[www.mankind.org.uk](http://www.mankind.org.uk)

Refuge (supporting women and children escaping domestic violence): Helpline 0808 2000 247 (24 hours) [www.refuge.org.uk](http://www.refuge.org.uk)



01823 334244 - Helping men escape domestic abuse

## Trusted Adults

We encourage all our children to speak to one of their trusted adults if they are worried about anything. A trusted adult can be their class teacher, teaching assistant or even a member of the leadership team. We are all here to help and support!



# The Link Community Hub @ Blakenhale



## We are here!

A New Year has brought a new lockdown. If you need any support or information, or just someone to talk to, we are here.

You can email: [amy.winnett@oasisblakenhalejunior.org](mailto:amy.winnett@oasisblakenhalejunior.org) or call 0121 7833960 and ask to speak to the hub team.

We work with other local charity's and services, so we can signpost you if there is something we are unable to help you with in the Hub.

## Are you in need of clothes or toiletries?

We offer a clothing bank and stock a range of children's clothing in a variety of sizes, including school uniform. We also have a small selection of adult clothing available.

We can provide essential toiletries such as toothpaste and body wash.

Please call 0121 7833960 and ask for the Hub team or email: [amy.winnett@oasisblakenhalejunior.org](mailto:amy.winnett@oasisblakenhalejunior.org)

## Volunteering opportunities coming soon!!

Email: [amy.winnett@oasisblakenhalejunior.org](mailto:amy.winnett@oasisblakenhalejunior.org) to register your interest

Did you know that The Link Community Hub: Blakenhale has its own social media accounts? Follow and like us for up to date news and activities.

Facebook: search for 'Oasis Hub: Blakenhale'

Twitter: @Blakenhale

## Coming soon.....

### FOOD on your doorstep project in partnership with Family Action

A community supermarket where you can buy a variety food items at a reduced price compared to your normal supermarket.

### Community Re-Connect Project

An opportunity for local women to share their experiences of the pandemic and develop ways to re-connect and find a 'new norm'.

### Virtual Community drop ins

We will be offering some online drop in sessions to find out what you would like to see at Blakenhale Community Link Hub in future and to share information about projects and activities coming soon.