

Safeguarding Newsletter



Advice for parents and carers

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Focus: Introduction to the Safeguarding Team

Welcome back to all our existing parents and a big welcome to those who are new to Orsett Heath Academy and our newsletter. Our monthly safeguarding newsletter aims to bring you up to date and relevant safeguarding information to help keep you informed and your child safe.

Throughout the year, we will bring you a monthly update, covering a wide range of topics, as well as details and dates about upcoming information evenings.

As always, our September update contains the key information that all parents need regarding our safeguarding team, including the key contacts that you may need.

Safeguarding Leads

Mr Taylor — Designated Safeguarding [Lead—taylorl@oha.swecet.org](mailto:taylorl@oha.swecet.org)

Ms Rawson— Headteacher, Deputy Designated Safeguarding [Lead—rawsons@oha.swecet.org](mailto:rawsons@oha.swecet.org)

Mrs Davies— Assistant Headteacher and SENCO, daviesa@oha.swecet.org

Mrs Driscoll — Pastoral Manager, driscoll@oha.swecet.org

Year Leaders

Ms Edwards - Year 7 edwardsa@oha.swecet.org

Mrs Chapman – Year 8 chapmanj@oha.swecet.org

Mr Polston – Year 9 polstons@oha.swecet.org

Mr Stafford – Year 11 staffordj@oha.swecet.org

Mental Health Support.

Mr Taylor, Mrs Davies and Mrs Chapman are our Senior Mental Health Leads, who works alongside the NHS Mental Health Support Team and other external agencies to support our students and their wellbeing.

As a school we work closely with the NHS Mental Health Support Teams (MHSTs)

If you feel that your child requires further support for their Mental Health, please contact Mrs Driscoll to discuss a referral.



Contextual Safeguarding

Information regarding local contextual safeguarding and the work of the Thurrock Local Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP) can be found [HERE](#).

Throughout the year we will share information about any events being conducted by the local authority as well as sharing information with parents from other agencies and professionals

Parents can find information regarding support for families and young people here:

[Thurrock Local Safeguarding Children Partnership](#)



TooToot

All students at OHA have access to the Tootoot app, this is an app that is designed for students to give them a confidential platform for reporting any concerns that they have to the safeguarding team in school.

Students in years 8-11 have been provided with log in details previously and they can download the app using the QR card below. Year 7 pupils will be given their log in details next week.

If a pupil had forgotten their log in details, please ask them to inform their form tutor.

A promotional poster for the TooToot app. The background is a gradient of blue and purple. At the top, white text reads: 'Remember you can use Tootoot whenever you or any of your friends have a worry, or you just want to talk to someone'. Below this, large, bold, dark blue text says: 'Download the app and start a conversation with us'. To the left of the text is a QR code and a blue speech bubble containing the word 'tootoot' in white. To the right is a smartphone displaying the app interface. The phone screen shows a chat conversation with a blue header 'Case - 76528' and a blue message bubble: 'Hi, James keeps saying mean things to me in class and making everyone laugh at me and now I don't want to go back to class'. Below this are two grey message bubbles: 'Oh, I am sorry to hear about this, could you tell me what he is calling you' and 'Don't worry everything you say is completely anonymous'. At the bottom of the phone screen is a white input field with the placeholder text 'Message...'. Below the phone, white text on the purple background asks: 'Do you have concerns about someone?', 'Are you worried and want to report something anonymously?', 'Is it after school and you forgot to speak to a trusted adult?', and 'Do you just want to talk?'.

**Designated
Safeguarding
Lead (DSL)**



Mr Taylor

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:



**Ms Rawson
Headteacher**



**Mrs Driscoll
Pastoral Manager**



**Mrs Davies
SENCO**

Year Leaders:



**Mrs Edwards
Year 7**



**Mrs Chapman
Year 8**



**Mr Polston
Year 9**



**Mr Stafford
Year 11**

Meet Our Safeguarding Team

Our dedicated safeguarding team is here to ensure the safety and well-being of every student. We are committed to supporting you!

