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Dear Families,

**Keeping Children Safe in Education – Information for Parents & Carers**

As you know, at Rushey Mead Academy we take our safeguarding responsibilities very seriously. In light of the new guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024, we have updated our **Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy**, which is available on our website. We have also attached a summary document entitled **KCSIE -Information for Parents and carers , which we strongly encourage you to read.**

The school ensures children learn in a safe, caring and enriching environment. Children are taught how to keep themselves safe, to develop positive and healthy relationships, how to avoid situations where they might be at risk including by being exploited, and when they are online.

**The school has a statutory responsibility** to share any concerns it might have about a child in need of protection with other agencies and in particular police, health and children's services. Schools are not able to investigate concerns but have a legal duty to refer them. In most instances, the school will be able to inform the parents/carer of its need to make a referral. However, sometimes the school is advised by Children's Social Care or police that the parent/carer cannot be informed whilst they investigate the matter. We understand the anxiety parents/carers understandably feel when they are not told about any concerns from the outset. The school follows legislation that aims to act in the interests of the child.

We understand that it can be difficult to know where to go to for advice and support on issues facing young people. To help with this, we have collated and linked on our website, parent factsheets on some relevant matters, including:

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|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| ➤ Online Safety | ➤ Instagram            | ➤ Minecraft     | ➤ Screen Time |
| ➤ County lines  | ➤ TikTok               | ➤ Snapchat      | ➤ Youtube     |
| ➤ Fake News     | ➤ Loot boxes and skins | ➤ Twitch        |               |
| ➤ Fortnite      | ➤ betting              | ➤ Cyberflashing |               |

A link to the Safeguarding Page of our website, where the above Parent Factsheets, along with other safeguarding information can be found here: [Safeguarding – Rushey Mead Academy | TMET Leicester MAT \(rushey-tmet.uk\)](https://www.rushey-tmet.uk/safeguarding)

Kind regards,

**Mrs V Barwell**  
**PRINCIPAL**