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Safeguarding Parent Newsletter - Thursday 7th December

Latest advice and guidance for parents and carers

Great Wyrley Academy Safeguarding Team

The Great Wyrley Academy Safeguarding Team has been trained to an advanced level on all aspects of safeguarding. The team is available to any student, parent or school staff member to discuss and report any safeguarding concerns.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr M Rehman

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Overview

Welcome to our latest edition of the Newsletter from the Great Wyrley Academy Safeguarding Team. Our aim is to bring you all the latest, relevant help and advice on issues that we feel will be of importance to you.

At Great Wyrley Academy, both staff and students are trained and educated in many areas of safeguarding. Staff are informed of the signs and symptoms to look for and be aware of, that could be an indication that there is a concern and how to report concerns. Students are given appropriate information into safeguarding topics and given strategies on how to stay safe.

This issue will cover:

Parent Resource Hub

Please click the link below to be taken to the Parent Resource Hub for Online Safety.

This interactive hub gives you all the information you need to help keep your child safe online and on mobile devices.



[Parent Resource Hub](#)

Dangerous Dogs

Staffordshire Police have asked that we share the following information with parents

With regards to XL Bully's currently in the media, changes to legislation have been announced now that this breed of dog has been added to the banned breed list so will become a section one dog. Current changes to law have resulted in the timeframe outlined below.

- From the 31st December 2023 it will be against the law to:
 - Sell an XL Bully dog
 - Abandon an XL Bully dog or let it stray
 - Give away an XL Bully dog
 - Breed from an XL Bully Dog
 - Have an XL Bully in public without a lead and muzzle

- You must apply for a certificate of exemption by the 31st January 2024. To get a certificate of exemption you must:
 1. Get third party public liability insurance cover for your dog
 2. Neuter your dog permanently if it is not already neutered.

3. Pay the £92.40 fee for each dog you want to keep
 4. Apply for a certificate of exemption to keep an XL Bully dog.
- From the 1st February 2024 it will be a criminal offence to own an XL Bully

Staffordshire Police now employ the services of two dog behaviourists to assess dangerous dogs in the county. Contact Joanne.Willis@staffordshire.police.uk for more information or to raise concerns.

Dangerous new trend

What is 'chroming'?

The term "chroming" refers to a recent drug trend in which individuals inhale the fumes of intoxicants such as aerosols, paint, or solvents to experience a high. The name came from the original act of sniffing chrome-based paint.

Although using inhalants isn't new, recent social media trends are adding a new dimension of peer pressure through the 'TikTok Challenge'. The challenge, also known as 'WhipTok' has sparked renewed interest, especially among teenagers, who are being encouraged to try this dangerous practice.

Why is it dangerous?

As well as the short term effects typical of substance abuse, experts have warned that 'chroming' can lead to long term brain damage and damage to internal organs.

We have already seen stories of teenage deaths in Australia and Ireland resulting from chroming.