



# The St Paul's Post



Autumn 2 2024



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St Paul's CofE Primary  
School – Pendeford

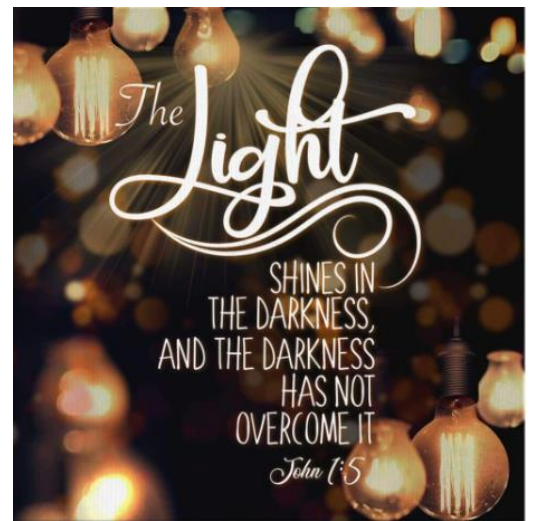


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## Welcome back to Autumn term 2!

Welcome back to school after what I hope has been a relaxing and enjoyable half term for you all.

We are well and truly in Autumn now—my favourite time of year! Last half term at St Paul's, even though such a long one, went in a flash and I'm sure this term will fly by too. The second half of the Autumn term is always busy and full of excitement as we prepare to celebrate Christmas (there—I've said it!). Further details about upcoming events and celebrations can be found below.



As always, if you have any questions, concerns or queries, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. Mr Davis-Powell and I are also available on the gate most mornings, or contact the school office who will be pleased to help.

**Best wishes**

**Mrs J Ferretti (Headteacher)**



## Class Led Worship

Well done to Years 2 and 5 who led the school and their parents in worship last half term. Thank you to the class teams who supported the children in putting their worships together.

This half term we look forward to Class Led Worships from **Year 6** – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November, and **Year 3** – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November – both at **9am**. Parents are welcome to attend.

## Well done Year 6

Our Year 6 children made us proud last half term as they visited Laches Wood for their residential. The children showed fantastic teamwork, courage and determination as they tackled challenges and enjoyed a range of activities. Thank you to Mr Platt, Mrs Wadelin and Mrs Sutton for going with the children. Without the support of staff, these amazing opportunities wouldn't be possible.



## Poppies

Poppies and poppy items will be on sale from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November in support of the Royal Legion Poppy Appeal. Please see below for items and prices;

If your child(ren) would like to buy any items, please send in the correct money in an envelope clearly marked with their name, class and what item they would like.

Paper poppies / stickers – minimum 30p donation



Snap bands £1.50



Reflector 50p

Zip tags / loops £1.00

## Our school's Governing Body

A school's Governing Body is responsible for both the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards. It carries out its role by helping to set the vision for the school and then ensuring that the school works efficiently and effectively towards achieving this vision. It does this by building a thorough knowledge of the school and its community, by both supporting and constructively challenging school leaders, and by ensuring accountability and compliance.

The Governing Body of our School is made up of Parent Governors, Staff Governors and Local Authority and Foundation Governors.



**We are currently seeking Foundation Governors to join our board.**

**Foundation governors are appointed to the governing boards of voluntary controlled and voluntary aided schools. This is to preserve the religious character of the school.**

Interested in finding out more? Please [click here](#)

## Bonfire & Firework Safety

Many of our families may be looking forward to firework displays and bonfires in the coming days and weeks as part of Bonfire Night and Diwali celebrations. It is recommended that people attend organised displays, however, if planning your own fireworks display, please find important information and advice here;

<https://www.rospa.com/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety>.

[Fireworks - West Midlands Fire Service \(wmfs.net\)](#)

[Sparklers - West Midlands Fire Service \(wmfs.net\)](#)

We hope our children and parents are able to enjoy these celebrations with the peace of mind that everyone is safe.



## School Dinners



Our school menu which can be viewed [here](#)

(also on our [school website](#)).

## School Nursing Team

School Nurses offer a service to pupils who attend the 109 schools in Wolverhampton.

The Service has to be flexible and delivered in the most appropriate setting dependent on the needs of the child / young person including schools, homes, youth offending service, primary care and other community-based settings.

The School Nursing Service exists to provide skilled, evidence-based care and support to all children and young people between 4.5 years and 19 years of age and their families who attend schools in Wolverhampton.

### Aims

- To maintain the physical, social and emotional health of all school aged children to enable them to reach and maintain their full potential and maximise on the educational opportunities available.
- To encourage healthier lifestyles in the school population.

More information can be found [here](#)



## Join the council's Independent Education Appeal Panel

Are you, or do you know of, someone who would relish the opportunity of making a real difference in the lives of the children and young people of Wolverhampton? If so, we would love to hear from you!

The City of Wolverhampton Council is appealing for volunteers to join its Independent Education Appeal Panel, which hears appeals from parents who have been refused a place for their child at their preferred school and reviews decisions around the exclusion of pupils.

Full training will be provided, although the role is voluntary, panel members can claim for expenses.

Councillor Jacqui Coogan, the City of Wolverhampton Council's Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Work, said: "As a panel member, you will read the case papers in advance of the hearing, actively participate in the appeal hearing and decide whether to uphold or dismiss the appeal. "We are looking for people from all walks of life with different experiences and skills who reflect our wonderfully diverse city and ensure that our panel is inclusive and representative.

Anyone interested in the role can find further information about the role and apply directly via - Apply to become Voluntary School Appeal Panel Member | City Of Wolverhampton Council; [Apply to become Voluntary School Appeal Panel Member | City Of Wolverhampton Council](#)

Toddler and Baby Group our Stay and Play sessions for parents / carers and their babies and toddlers run each Monday starting at 9.15am (until 10.30am). We hope to see many of you there. Please spread the word – everyone is welcome!

Starting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. Last session – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Little Lights Christmas Party!



# Little Lights



## Stay & Play session @ St Paul's

Parents, carers and childminders are invited to join us for our baby and toddler group  
Every Monday during term time 09.15am until 10.45am

Please come to the main entrance of our school, where you will be welcomed to our stay and play session held within our school hall.

### Providing:

A range of **play** and **creative activities**, a **valuable opportunity** for **adults and their children** to **meet others**, **access support**, **advice and information** and **get to know our school community**.

Refreshments are provided

Donations of £1 per child and 50p per additional child are invited but not compulsory. Any funds received are used to fund future resources, activities and refreshments.



Stay & Play Registration Form Available via Website



St Paul's C.E. Primary School

*Building each other up - with God as our firm foundation 1 Thessalonians 5: 11*



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## Christmas Crafts

Last year we enjoyed inviting parents into school for our Christmas Craft sessions to kick-start the festive season and we are looking forward to doing the same this year. Craft sessions will take place on;

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Year 3 & 4 @ 2.00pm

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Nurs & Rec @ 9.00am, Year 1 & 2 @ 2.00pm

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 5 & 6 @ 2.00pm



## Christmas 2024



We are looking forward to inviting parents into school to share in some of our Christmas celebrations!

Children in Nursery and Reception (Early Years) will be performing a Nativity, as will children in Year 1 and 2 (Key Stage 1).

Children in Year 3,4,5 and 6 (Key Stage 2) will be performing a Christmas Concert, sharing the Christmas message through song, poems and readings. I am sure parents will be excited to come into school to enjoy these performances.

Performances will be as follows -

Early Years -

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am.**

Key Stage 1-

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December @ 1.30pm & Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December @ 10.00am**

Key Stage 2.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December @ 1.30pm & Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December @ 6.00pm**

Further details regarding costumes, performances and tickets will be sent home at a later date.

We would also like to invite parents into school for our end of term Christmas service on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at **9.15am for parents of children in EYs & KS1** and at **2pm for parents of children in KS2**. We will also be presenting our end of term awards during these special worships.



We are very excited to be holding our first

# Christmas TOY Exchange!!

**When?** Tuesday 19th November  
1:30pm-4:00pm.

## Why?

We all know the pressures that Christmas can bring, especially on already stretched family finances. We would like to help our school community by trying to ease some of the pressures of buying presents by running a toy exchange. Most families also have toys in the home that children have grown out of and no longer play with. Many of these toys end up being sent to landfill which has a significant environmental impact.

## How will it work?

- \*Send any toys you wish to donate / swap into school on **Monday 18th November** (not before please as we have nowhere to store them!)
- \*If you would like to swap your items, please ensure they are **clearly labelled** with your **child's full name and class**.
- \*A swap token will be issued for you to collect when you arrive at the toy exchange on Tuesday 19th. For example, a small item will be allocated 1 token, a large item may be allocated 3. These tokens can then be used at the exchange to 'pay' for a toy of your choice.
- \*Items will be labelled with a number of tokens for swapping and a price to buy.
- \*Come along to the exchange on Tuesday 19th from 1.30pm and swap or buy items you would like.
- \*Don't have an item to swap? Don't worry - you are still welcome to come along and buy items at reasonable prices.



Any money raised will be used to support our other community initiatives such as Little Lights Stay & Play group and the Food Bank. Please ensure that all toys / costumes are **clean and in good, useable condition** so that they can be gifted on.



Take part in our School Council

# BIG

# Christmas Jumper

Monday 25th November **SWAP!!**  
2:45pm-3:45pm.

Each year, 1 in 4 Christmas jumpers end up thrown away or never worn again! The cost of buying a new jumper every year for children to take part in Christmas festivities such as Christmas Jumper Day can place additional pressure on already stretched family finances and creates unnecessary waste that has an environmental impact. This year, we can change this! Take part and save money, reduce waste and spread some Christmas cheer!  
Don't have a jumper to donate? Don't worry - you are still welcome to come and choose a jumper from the swap. This initiative is about reducing waste and supporting families. (Other Christmas themed clothing is also welcome - dresses, t-shirts etc) Please ensure that all items are clean and in good, wearable condition.

**Please send any swap items into class or the school office by Friday 22nd November.**



## Fundraising

We will be supporting **Children in Need** on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** with an own clothes day / wear something spotty – we ask that parents make a £1 donation towards this charity.

Thank you to parents who made a donation towards Mental Health Day. The money raised will be shared between Young Minds and school wellbeing resources.

We are incredibly proud of Olivia and Oscar who raised over **£100** for Anaphylaxis UK last half term! What an achievement! We are also very grateful to Eurofins who have donated £250 to Anaphylaxis UK to sponsor allergy awareness training for staff in school and will be delivering a talk to raise awareness with the children!



## No Nut School

A polite reminder to all parents that we are a '**No Nut School**' and ask that parents refrain from sending children into school with nuts or items obviously containing nuts (peanut butter and Nutella for example). We do have a number of children in school who have a nut allergy and whilst we can never guarantee that children won't come into contact with nuts, these measures will help reduce risk. We also have a number of other, wider measures in school to manage food intolerances and ensure our children remain safe. We acknowledge the health benefits of nuts but recommend that these are enjoyed outside of school.



Could we also ask that parents ensure that any grapes sent into school for snack or packed lunches are **cut in half**, as whole grapes present a [choking hazard](#).

Finally, when selecting snacks for KS2 children to enjoy at lunchtime, please ensure it is a healthy item – fruit or a cereal bar for example, **no crisps or chocolate bars**. **Sweets should not be brought into school** unless for a birthday in which case they should be handed to the class teacher in the morning to share out. Sweets must be individually wrapped and no sweets or chocolates containing nuts please.

## Mobile Phones

A polite reminder that mobile phones should not be used in school by children or adults. We are also a no smoking site – this includes vapes – please do not vape or smoke on the school grounds or immediately outside our gates. Thank you.





**Enrichment Clubs...** will begin again from Monday 11th November and will run until w/c Monday 9th December.



Day	Club	Year groups	Cost/session	Time/collect
Monday	Construction Club (School led – Mrs Savage)	Y1-3 <i>This will be a repeat of the activities done during Autumn 1</i>	£1.00	3.15-4.15 Pedestrian Gate
	Crafts (School led – Mrs Boden)	Y4-6	£1.00	3.15-4.00 Pedestrian Gate
	Recorders (School led – Mrs Allcott)	Y2-6	--	Lunchtime
Tuesday	Football (School led – Mr Platt)	Y3 – 6 <i>6 places per year group</i>	£1.00	3.15-4.15 Pedestrian gate
	Lego (School led – Mrs Cook)	Y3-6	£1.00	3.15-4.15 Pedestrian gate
	Fun with a 'drum' (different ways to explore percussion) (School led – Ms Clarke)	Rec, Y1 & 2	£1.00	3.15-4.00 Pedestrian gate
	Colouring (School Led – Mrs Scragg)	Y1 & 2	--	Lunchtime
Thursday	Choir (School led – Mrs Evans / Mrs Ferretti) <b>MORNINGS</b>	Y3 – 6	--	Arrive at 8.30am – front entrance
	French Club (School led – Mrs Morgan)	Y2	--	Lunchtime
	Reading Buddies (bring a teddy to read to) (School led – Mrs Honeyghan)	Y3-6	--	Lunchtime – UKS2 library/Y5
Friday	Boxercise (External – Motive8 Youth)	Y3-6	£2.00	3.15-4.15 Pedestrian gate
Every Day	Miss Woods' Pupil Choice	Y3-6	--	Lunchtimes
	Mrs Wadelin's Sports			
	Miss Lawley's Playground games	Y1 & 2		

Places are limited and allocated on a first come, first serve basis for the half term.

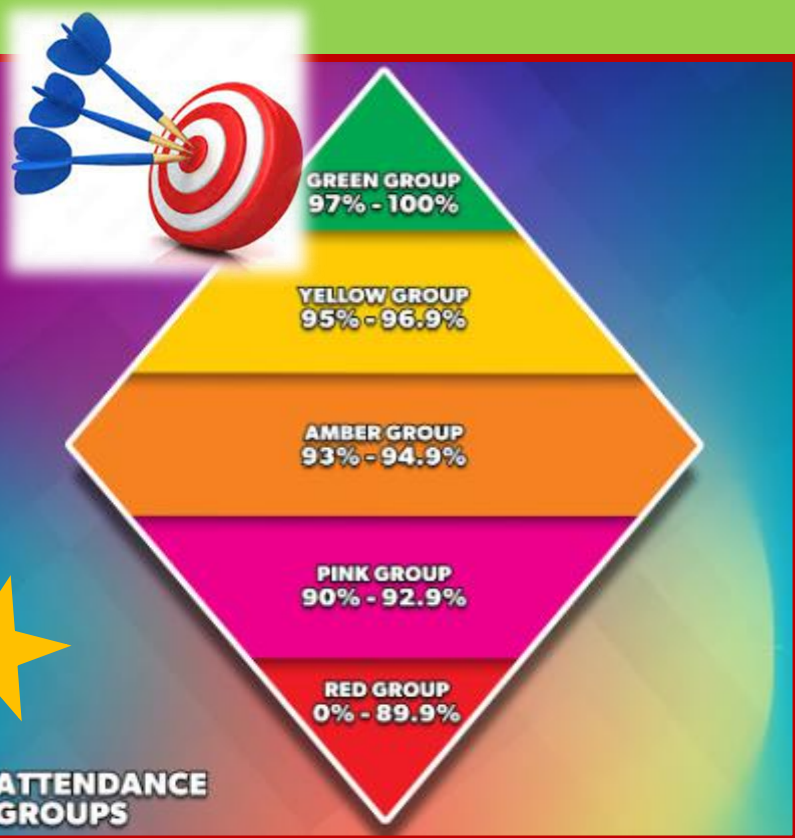
Each half term, club places will be reset and allocated again. **Clubs must be booked under 'Clubs' and then paid for via 'Payments' in the Gateway app to secure the place.**

A text message will be sent to inform parents when the clubs go live on the Gateway app.

Lunchtime clubs do not need to be booked.

Funds raised through school-led clubs will be used to fund club resources / other clubs in the future.

Autumn 1 Attendance	
Nur	84.7
Rec	89.3
Yr1	93.8
Yr2	97.1
Yr3	93.9
Yr4	94.4
Yr5	93.0
Yr6	97.2
Whole School (Y1-6)	93.9 94.2



<b>GREEN</b>	<b>Best chance of academic success</b>
<b>YELLOW</b>	<b>Risk of underachievement</b>
<b>AMBER</b>	<b>Serious risk of underachievement</b>
<b>PINK</b>	<b>Severe risk of underachievement</b>
<b>RED</b>	<b>Extreme risk – persistent absentee</b>

School attendance is vital for a child's future success.

This year we are aiming to further improve our whole school attendance and would appreciate parents' support in ensuring children are always at school when they are able to be.

The parent of every child whose attendance is at least 96% at the end of the half term will be entered into a prize draw to win a £25 shopping voucher. We will also be introducing rewards and incentives for the children in school too.

Please read our information - [Why does attendance matter?](#)

And our school [Attendance Policy](#).

# Diary Dates



November	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day – school closed to children
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening Nur – Y6 & Community Fayre
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening Rec – Y6
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Class Led Worship – 9am
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-bullying Week – Odd Socks Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Children In Need
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Early Years Stay & Play 9-9.30am
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Body meeting
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Reading Workshops
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Proposed Toy Swap / Sale
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Zones of Regulation Parents Coffee Morning 9am
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sing 4 Christmas Workshop
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Church Christmas Fayre
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccination Team – Year 6 and YR-5 catch up
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Severn Trent workshops
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Swap
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Class Led Worship – 9am
December	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Crafts pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	EYs Christmas Crafts am
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Crafts pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Advent Eucharist
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Crafts pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Conservatoire
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Proposed Christmas Disco
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	EYs Nativity 10am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity 1.30pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Height & Weight checks and healthy lifestyles talk
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity 10.00am
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Early Years Stay & Play 9-9.30am
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Proposed Sing4Christmas concert TBC
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Proposed Movie Night
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas Concert 1.30pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas Concert 6.00pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party Day
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	End of term awards / Christmas worship – 9am Rec&KS1 & 2pm KS2
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day – finish at 2pm – no after school club.
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2024 – Christmas Holidays	

Children return to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

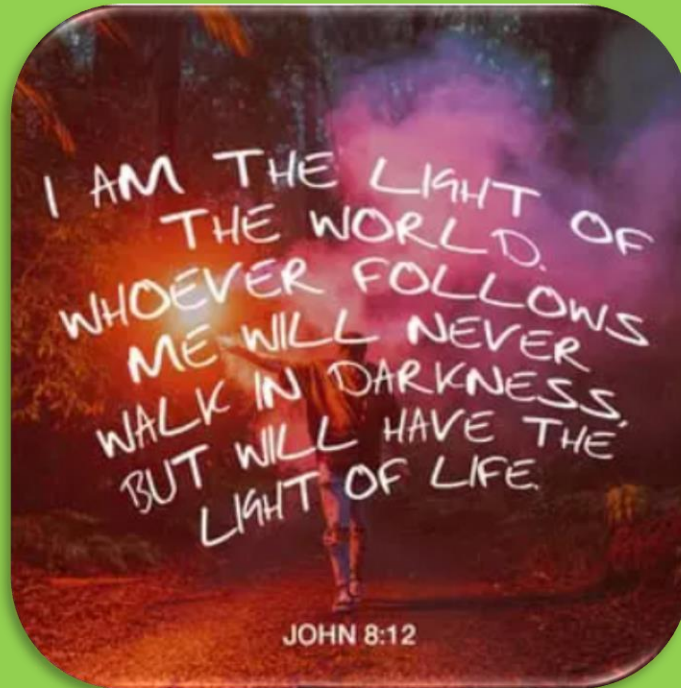
# Our St Paul's Promise;

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At St Paul's, we are safe, prepared and respectful.



- P** We are prepared
- R** We are respectful
- O** We make the most of every oppportunity
- M** We make a difference.
- I** We are in control
- S** We are safe
- E** We excel.



## Rainbow Christian Values;

**Togetherness, Trust, Honesty, Courage, Forgiveness, Joyfulness, Humility**

Our Mission Statement;

*Building each other up—with God as our firm foundation.*

(The Bible: I Thessalonians 5:11)





## Term Dates 2024-25

### Autumn Term 2024

Term starts:	Wednesday 4th September
Half Term:	Monday 28th - Friday 31st October
Term ends:	Friday 20th December
Christmas Holidays:	Monday 23rd December 2024 - Monday 6th January 2025

### Spring Term 2025

Term starts:	Monday 6th January 2025
Half Term:	Monday 17th - Friday 21st February
Term ends:	Friday 11th April
Easter Holidays:	Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April

### Summer Term 2025

Term starts:	Monday 28th April
Half Term:	Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May
Term ends:	Friday 18th July
Summer Holidays:	Monday 21st July —Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September

### 2024-25 Training Days—school closed to pupils:

Monday 2nd September,  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday 21st July

### Autumn Term 2025

Term starts:	Tuesday 2nd September 2025
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As a school we are committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all of our children.

# St Paul's C of E Primary School



## Keeping You Safe

### SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

- Do you have concerns?
- Has someone made a disclosure?
- Who can you talk to?



At St Paul's the safety of our children is of upmost importance. It is everyone's responsibility to safeguard our children but speak to one of the people below if you are worried.

<p><b>Mrs J Ferretti</b> Headteacher Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>		<p><b>Mr L Davis-Powell</b> Deputy Headteacher Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>	
<p><b>Miss D. Woods</b> Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>		<p><b>Ms B. Clarke</b> Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>	
<p><b>Mrs R. Cook / Miss N. Owen</b> Online Safety Leader</p>		<p><b>Mrs L Clarke</b> Safeguarding Governor</p>  <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><i>Protect and safeguard the welfare of all our children.</i></p>  </div>	

If you have a concern about the safety of a child contact **Wolverhampton Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub** by clicking [here](#) or by phone; **01902 555392**

Opening times: Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 5pm, Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm  
Outside of the above hours for emergencies on **01902 552999**

If the child or young person is at **immediate risk of serious harm dial 999**

If you suspect or believe a child is suffering or is likely to suffer Significant Harm, including any form of mistreatment or abuse, **you must report your concerns.** All referrals must be confirmed within one hour by completing the on-line multi agency referral form ([MARF](#)).

# Wolverhampton 360 Drop In

# TALK TO US WE'LL LISTEN

Wolverhampton 360 are offering anyone with concerns about their personal or a loved one's drug and alcohol use, the opportunity to discuss this with a professional and get support for the entire family

Wolverhampton 360 is:

Private and Confidential

Non-Judgemental

Free of charge

But you may still be thinking...

I'm scared my kids  
will be taken off me

Wolverhampton 360's aim is to support every member of your family so that you can all feel heard and understood. Our hope is that the family can remain together in a safe and worry-free environment and we will give our advice on how to achieve this



You won't  
understand what  
I'm going through

Many of our staff and volunteers have lived experience of drug and alcohol use so although every story is different, we can empathise with you on how hard this situation is and use our own journeys to give you the most realistic advice and information.



I don't think I need help, but  
my social worker keeps  
telling me I should speak to  
someone in your team

It is completely normal to have nerves about talking to us but just come along and have a chat and you may realise we are quite a friendly service who you enjoy speaking with.



## Drop-In Clinics Near You:

Whitmore Reans (WV1 4AL) – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month – 1-5pm

Dove (WV8 1TX) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month – 1-5pm

Gravelly (WV2 4NE) – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month – 1-5pm

Bingley (WV3 0JE) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month – 1-5pm

