

## The Roseland Academy Student Wellbeing and Safeguarding Bulletin September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope that this letter finds you and your families well after the summer break.

I wanted to take this opportunity to give you some information and update you on our work to support students' wellbeing and safety.

### Online Safety

We continue to use Google Classrooms as our main platform for setting homework and sharing links with students to support their learning. The Safeguarding Team has an overview of the learning platforms students are required to access outside of their Google Classroom and links to these are also made available via their virtual classroom, so that you can be reassured of their safety when learning online.

You are able to receive summary updates (daily or weekly) from Google Classroom activity as a 'Google Guardian'. Our system will send an invite to the email address you have shared with us (if consent has been given). This is a good way to gain a sense of what work is being set online and which online resources are required.

In addition to Google Classroom, subject teachers and support staff may need to use the school email system to contact students. Students should always use their school email address when contacting staff.

We continue to deliver PSHE lessons covering online safety and next week, I will be delivering assemblies to all year groups on the theme of 'Staying Safe' and this will include reminders about mobile phones being switched off and in bags at school.

More information to support parents and carers can be found at <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/> and <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

### Vaping

New figures from the NHS, published on 6th September 2022, show a decrease in the numbers of school children taking drugs and smoking cigarettes, but a rise in vaping, with 9% of 11 to 15 year olds nationally, currently thought to be using vapes.

We are aware that young people in our community may be able to access vaping equipment and ask you to please be vigilant of this. Such items are completely prohibited in school and on school transport. We will always search and confiscate if we are concerned that students may be carrying prohibited items into school. We will always contact you if this is the case, as there will be necessary sanctions. Prohibited items include vapes and vaping liquid, as purchasing these remains illegal for those under 18.

We continue to use our behaviour policy to keep students safe from the potential risks of vaping. The Wellbeing Team have also been in touch with the School Nursing Service about facilitating some drop-in sessions for students to provide specialist health education on the risks, as soon as this information becomes available to them.

### **Wellbeing and Safeguarding Support for Students and Families**

There have been no changes to the Safeguarding Team. Mrs Hannah Tame, Mrs Nicki Mitchell and Miss Jenny Blackwell continue to be based in Wellbeing. They can be contacted for support by parents and carers via [wellbeing@theroseland.co.uk](mailto:wellbeing@theroseland.co.uk). Mrs Christy Dixon, as our Inclusion Support Manager, works closely with them and continues to have overview for any incident forms submitted.

All students can report incidents of concern via the Google Form available on their tutor group Google Classroom. The link is also included below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-1CTnjG3VLSPvkKzztMurH8EQtggQ7A6LTgSPmec48vR3vQ/viewform>

As always, you can contact your child's form tutor with any questions or concerns about school. They will share their contact email address with you over the coming days.

We will continue to keep parents and carers informed about our safeguarding education, so that discussions can take place at home too. Working *together* to safeguard students is the most proactive and powerful thing we can do.

Yours sincerely,

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