

November 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Safer Schools Commitment

Our aim is to continue to promote a safe environment where child safeguarding concerns can be managed in an appropriate way. Rooks Heath College acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice that reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice standards and Ofsted requirements.

Our safeguarding policies and procedures recognise that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that, regardless of age, gender, religion or beliefs, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or social-economic background, all children have a positive and enjoyable experience of activities at school in a safe child-centred environment.

Students surveys tell us they feel safe and secure at our school. Our latest Ofsted Report demonstrates our effective safeguarding policies and procedures.

Following on from our letter last year concerning the screening of students, we will be running additional jointly planned projects with the Harrow Safer Schools Police Team. Our Safer Schools Police Officer is PC Mitchell and he regularly visits our school. Working with the Safer Schools Team is standard practice across all schools in the borough.

Over the next few months, we will have;

- Extra assemblies from our Safer Schools Police Team on 'Keeping Safe in the Community', including the misuse of social media.
- Screening mornings to confiscate any banned items.
- 'Drop in Surgery' where students and parents can meet local police officers to discuss any issues that affect them. These will take place on the first Thursday of each month between 8am - 10am. Starting in December. Please contact Mr Todd at todd@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk if you would like an appointment.

These projects are designed to strengthen the work that we do with our external partners. They will also ensure our students (and parents) have the opportunity to meet Police Officers and discuss issues that affect their local community.

We thank you for your continued support in keeping our community safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Todd
Assistant Headteacher
Police Liaison Officer

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Assistant Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead