



September 2022

Message from PC Slee

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to welcome our new year 7's to the Academy and welcome back our Year 8 to post 16 students. I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and enjoyed the super weather!

I feel it is important to keep parents and carers informed of my key priorities and the areas I will be covering with students in advance of planned assemblies and tutor time this forthcoming term; enabling you to support these topics in the home environment and support your children with any follow up questions (*see page 2 for list of topics*).

Please be assured all topics covered will be age appropriate.

Just as a reminder I work in the academy full time Monday – Friday 07:30hrs – 15:30hrs.

As Safer School and Partnerships Officer since November 2021, I work alongside the Senior Leadership Team and dedicated professional teaching staff to support our students with their education, ensuring the academies values of being SAFE, RESPONSIBLE & RESPECTFUL is at the forefront of everything we do.

My role is the link between “School & The Police” and combined we aim to improve standards of behaviour and attendance. I will be tackling low level criminality within school and with focused interventions reduce the risk of our young people entering the criminal justice system.

In delivering the above I will work in partnership with several professional partners in the district such as Police Early Help, Children’s First Hubs, Youth Offending Team and the Health Service, Wakefield.

If you require my support please do not hesitate to make contact with me on Jayne.slee@Westyorkshire.police.uk or J.Slee@grange.outwood.com

Alternatively telephone the academy on 01924-204350 Ext:329.

My role encompasses safeguarding, emotional, physical and sexual well-being and I am available to support students, parents and carers with any concerns or issues.

During the first term, we will cover the following topics in assemblies/tutor time (September to December):

- Safety Online / Social Media – *All students*
- Malicious Communication / Indecent Images - *All Students*
- Public Safety – *Road, Water, Railway, Bonfire – All Students*
- Anti-Social Behavior (in our community) – *All Students*
- Vaping & Smoking – *All students*
- Hate Crime (understanding discrimination) – *All Students*
- Assaulting others / Bullying – *All Students*
- Weapons / Knife Crime – *All Students*
- Drugs / Addiction – *Year 9,10,11*

In addition, I will deliver 1-2-1 intervention and smaller targeted group sessions.

I believe in maximizing “TEACHABLE MOMENTS” whereby a situation has occurred; acting quickly to assist all parties involved in restorative practice leading to a resolution, improved knowledge, thus reducing the likelihood of a repeat incident, as required I will make contact with parents and carers to inform of such eventualities.

I will also share **key safeguarding messages** for all parents and carers on a regular basis where I believe there is an issue or a “trending” situation to allow you to be proactive in the home and your community to safeguard as appropriate.

Here is my first **key safeguarding message**:

We know that students of this age face a number of challenges. One rising trend is the appearance of sexualised images distributed on student online platforms such as “snap chat”. I would describe these images as “nude selfies”.

I will be covering the safeguarding risks and the criminal elements of this behaviour as part of my first assembly, however, I recommend that parents and carers actively check phones, settings and platforms used and discuss this matter in the family home to reiterate the associated risks.

Please note that it is a criminal offence to have in one's possession / incite (encourage) or distribute indecent images and students suspected of this activity could face a criminal investigation.

As I conclude my first update letter, please be aware that your children will see me on daily patrols of the academy and surrounding community hotspots, before and after school. Please ask them to be confident to communicate with me and highlight any issues or concerns.

I look forward to a positive term and working closely with you all over the coming weeks and months *"working in partnership to keep our school and community a safe place"*.

Kind regards

Jayne

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