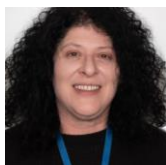


# Ken Stimpson Academy Safeguarding Newsletter September 2023

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Welcome to all the new parents joining Ken Stimpson Academy and a welcome return to our current parents. We hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday and your children are ready and eager to return to school.

We wanted to take the opportunity to introduce to you the safeguarding and wellbeing team here at Ken Stimpson.



**Designated Safeguarding Lead**  
R Mercuri



**Miss Holcroft**  
Deputy  
Designated  
Lead and  
Family Liaison  
Officer



**Mr Wilson**  
SENDCO and  
Deputy  
Safeguarding  
Lead LAC



**Mr Smith**  
Safeguarding  
Officer



**Miss Bradley**  
Safeguarding  
Officer



**Mr Whales**  
Headteacher

Over the course of the summer holidays if there have been any circumstances that you believe may affect your child's learning over the coming weeks please do get in touch or if you feel they could do we some additional support.

## How can we help?

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**Email:** If there have been any safeguarding concerns over the holidays that you feel we need to be aware of please in the first instance please email [Safeguarding@kscs.org.uk](mailto:Safeguarding@kscs.org.uk) and the best phone number to contact you on and one of the team will contact you.

**Wellbeing support:** We have three Wellbeing support mentors in school who can support students social, emotional, self esteem issues, if you feel your child would benefit from this please do get in touch using the wellbeing referrals form via our website

<https://www.kscs.org.uk/wellbeing-referral>



**Trainee Counsellors:** Over the past year we have had three trainee counsellors working at Ken Stimpson as part of their university placement. Cristina, Hayley and Paulina will continue to work at the school and the feedback from students and staff who have used the service have found this beneficial. This service is only available to students aged 15 and over if we feel your child may be suitable for this, we will contact you to make you aware they will be meeting with one of the counsellors.

If your child is a Post 16 students, they can self-refer.

**Head of Year/Student Support** – For day to day concerns your head of year or student support officer are the best people to get in touch with. If you are concerned about any situation, please get in touch with them as soon as possible and we will do our best to resolve or clarify any situation.

## Parenting Courses

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Parents and Carers sometimes want or need extra help or information to better equip you to deal with parenting issues, although we are happy to support in any way we can Peterborough City Council over a variety of parenting courses to support you with parenting challenges. More information can be found on:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=ZLMn4x4EUUyC8skGp4-cyZVYpRyuca5KpRCKluTf83NUQ09QOEFKtFKUEZJOFkxROMyMjhNMVRVSSQIQCN0PWcu>

## Mobile Phones

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Mobile phones and technology continue to dominate the media regarding the misuse among young people. Please ensure you are checking your child's phone, for messages, chats, and photos.

If your child is in receipt of unkind messages or you are concerned with who they have been talking, please do get in touch with us.

If we suspect or have received information your child may be involved in some inappropriate mobile use, we will ask to look at their phone, if they refuse to allow us to look at it, we will contact you to come into school to share our concerns and for you to view it with us. We appreciate your support in this in keeping your child safe.

While there are many parental control apps to choose from, the standard choice is **Google Family Link**. Free to use, Google Family Link works with both Apple and Android devices.

<https://families.google/familylink/> other useful resources are:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/>

<https://www.premier-education.com/news/the-parents-guide-to-mobile-phone-health-safety-for-kids/>

Please also remind your child mobile phone use is not allowed in school.

## Safer Schools Police Officer

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Our safer schools police officer is PC Baker 1571, he is in school with us every Monday and his role is to help support students in educating them in the risks associated with their behaviour.

If you have any questions or concerns about our local community or with regards to keeping yourself and others safe, please contact either the schools Designated Single Point of Contact on [rmi@kscs.org.uk](mailto:rmi@kscs.org.uk) or contact PC Baker directly on [chris.baker@cambs.police.uk](mailto:chris.baker@cambs.police.uk)

## Finally

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If you are worried about your child or another child in school, please talk to anyone in the safeguarding team or your head of year/Student Support Officer. All information you provide will be kept confidential.

You can email us directly on [safeguarding@kscs.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@kscs.org.uk).

Regards

**Ken Stimpson Academy Safeguarding Team**