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Baines School Safeguarding Bulletin

Keeping yourself and others happy and safe at Baines School



Dear Parents & Carers,

This new bi-weekly safeguarding bulletin is designed to keep you up to date with current developments and news regarding keeping all children happy and safe at Baines School.

Through sending out this bulletin, I hope you will feel ever more confident in what all staff and adults do on a daily basis to support your child.

This week I read online about a new term called 'muggie'. Sadly, it seems as if some young people in other schools have taken it upon themselves to take secret pictures ('muggies') of other young people, with the intent of forwarding that image to cause upset. This image might 'simply' be of someone standing around with their friends.

As a school that has a 'no phone' policy (phones turned off and out of sight), there should be no issues with regards to the use of phones; however, we want to proactively raise awareness about this issue as it is a **significant safeguarding concern**.

With the online safety documents that I shared last week via Synergy, please can you discuss 'muggies' with your child, make them aware about this risk and reinforce our phone policy expectations so as to prevent any issues occurring. If we do find ourselves in an unfortunate situation where a student at Baines School takes and shares images in this manner, this will be dealt with seriously and the student in question will be required to attend 1-1 sessions as part of further education with regards to the safe use of mobile devices.

Any parent/carer wishing to discuss safeguarding further with myself

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Thank you for continued support.

My very best wishes,

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