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Safeguarding Bulletin

Welcome to the second issue of George Salter Academy's Safeguarding Bulletin for Parents and Pupils.

This bulletin covers various areas of our safeguarding practice, some of which have been introduced since May, for example "The Sharp System".

If you have any questions following reading this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0121 553 4665, Ext 257 or via my email address (r.reeve@georgesalter.com).

Best wishes,

Mr R Reeve

Vice Principal (Inclusion) & Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Safeguarding Concerns and who do you inform?

If you have a concern about the safety of a child at GSA then please inform us.

There are various ways of contacting us, for example through your child's House Office. However, if your concern is about any child, and is related to suspected or known safety concerns, for example abuse, please contact one of the following:

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Mr R Reeve
(ext 257; r.reeve@georgesalter.com)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL):
Mrs N Good (ext 329; n.good@georgesalter.com) or Mr I Iqbal (ext 266; i.iqbal@georgesalter.com)

Interim Principal: Mrs P Walters (ext 222; p.walters@georgesalter.com) or Mr A Westerman (ext 222; a.westerman@georgesalter.com)

We are continuing to invite parents to attend Parent Forum meetings at the Academy.

These meetings are a mechanism that enables senior leaders at George Salter to consult parents on the Academy's policies and initiatives.

As you know, in recent months the Academy has been working hard at ensuring that our Safeguarding policies and practice reflect best practice in this field. Therefore, there have been many changes to what we do in the Academy to safeguard your children.

With that in mind, I would like to invite you to the next Parent Forum Meeting on Wednesday 6th July at 6.30 p.m.

At this meeting, the Principal and other senior staff will share updates on our progress and seek consultation with parents on our action plan.

If you would like to attend this meeting, please contact Mrs D Aston in on Ext 262.

Letter to Parents from the Executive Interim Principal and Ormiston Academies Trust, 24th June 2016

I refer you to the letter to parents that is on the Academy website from Friday 24th June. The letter, jointly from our Executive Interim Principal, Mrs P Walters and Dr J. Howard from Ormiston Academies Trust, outlines the work that the Academy has under-taken with our post-Ofsted Action Plan. The letter also outlines how we are seeking feedback from parents on our plans and how to give it directly.

The letter asks that parents email any comments via email to principal@georgesalter.com or to send the reply slip attached to the main reception via your son/daughter. A further request in the letter is for parents to tell Ofsted their views by completing the short, online and confidential Parent View survey at www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk. Registering is easy and the survey takes less than two minutes to complete.

The Sharp System

The Academy has recently introduced The Sharp System for all students and parents. This is a website that can be accessed via the Academy Website (a link is at the top of the page) or at <http://georgesalter.thesharpsystem.com/>. It has two functions:

- 1) To provide another method of reporting concerns or worries about a young person. Either they or a friend can refer the concern (anonymously if necessary) electronically via the website's "Make Report" button. They complete a form on the website that, when submitted, sends an email directly to key staff within the Academy, including the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Reeve.
- 2) To provide another avenue of safeguarding information for our students and parents. Within the website, there are individual pages that contain more information on key areas such as: "Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)"; "Extremism and Radicalisation"; "Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)" and "Weapons".

If there is any topic that you, as parents, wish to know more about, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Reeve via his email address on the front of this bulletin.

Our Safeguarding Website

Alongside The Sharp System, we are uploading training materials to the "Safeguarding" section of our main website (<http://www.georgesalter.com/>) in order to support parents with having access to as much information as possible in this area.

Therefore, please visit: <http://www.georgesalter.com/parents/safeguarding.html> to access information on a range of topics, including how to spot the signs and symptoms of various types of abuse, including Domestic Violence, Child Sexual Exploitation and Female Genital Mutilation.

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC)

The NSPCC website (<https://www.nspcc.org.uk>) is full of information on different types of abuse and also what you can do to support their (and our) aims of preventing cruelty to children. The page "What you can do" within this website outlines various options open to people to support these, and also outlines avenues to report abuse or get help and support.

Key contacts:

If you have a concern about a child you can report this online at: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-you-can-do/report-abuse/>

Text the helpline on: **88858**

Email on: help@nspcc.org.uk

If you think a child is in immediate danger, call 999 or the NSPCC number **0808 800 5000**.