



SAFE AT SUMMERHILL

At Summerhill School we are committed to Safeguarding our children and young people as well as promoting positive well-being for all.

This safeguarding newsletter, aims to help staff, parents and students alike to be aware of Safeguarding and mental-health issues, giving you useful links and resources to use if you have concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact us on the main school number 01384 816165 or via email on studentsupport@summerhill.dudley.sch.uk

Children with a Parent in Prison

It is estimated that about 312,000 children are separated from a parent every year in the UK due to a prison sentence. 25% of children with a parent in prison are at risk of mental health problems such as depression, anxiety, eating and sleeping disorders. Pact is a pioneering national charity that supports prisoners, people with convictions, and their children and families. Below is a link with some information for young people and parents:

<https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/Pages/Category/for-young-people>

<https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/tell-my-child>

The Online Safety Bill

The Online Safety Bill marks one of the biggest planned changes to date in the way online tech companies are held responsible for content that appears on their platforms. It's specifically aimed at companies that host 'user-generated content' (meaning those which allow users to post their own content online) and search engines. That's companies like Facebook, YouTube and Google. The Online Safety Bill is a piece of legislation that aims to reduce or prevent damage and harm coming to people when they are using the internet. It aims to make the internet safer for all users, including children and creates new laws around issues such as child sexual exploitation, abuse and terrorism. For more information please click on the link below:

[Your Guide to the Online Safety Bill - Safer Schools \(oursaferschools.co.uk\)](https://oursaferschools.co.uk)

Free Swimming Session over Easter

All Dudley borough residents aged 16 and under can enjoy free swimming sessions at Crystal Leisure Centre and Duncan Edwards Leisure Centre in Dudley from Saturday 9 to Sunday 24 April. Young people taking advantage of the free-swimming offer must be supervised by a responsible adult aged 18 or over who should remain at the centre throughout the swim. People who have not previously registered for free swimming must do so at www.freeswimindudley.co.uk in advance of their swim. Numbers are limited and entry will be on a first come first served basis.

Breakfast and Lunch Deals over Easter

There are various places that are offering free or cheap meals for children under 16 this Easter holiday. Click on the below link for more information:

<https://www.dudleynews.co.uk/news/national/uk-today/20045291.easter-half-term-places-children-east-free/>



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