



## 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](mailto:studentsupport@summerhill.dudley.sch.uk)*

### Foster Care Fortnight (9<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022)

Last week was Foster Care Fortnight which is an annual campaign that highlights the power of fostering and how it can transform lives. The theme of this years campaign was #FosteringCommunities. During the fortnight The Fostering Network have been celebrating the strength and resilience of fostering communities who help to foster over 700,00 children in the UK. New foster families are in urgent need to help transform the lives of over 30,000 more children coming into foster care every year. To find out more click the link below:



[How Fostering can Transform Lives](#)

### Safety when Leaving School

More crimes are committed against teenagers than any other age group but there are some things that they can do to help keep themselves safe whilst they are out:

- stay alert, and keep personal stereos/MP3 players turned off, so they can hear what's going on around them
- stick to busy, well-lit roads, and avoid short cuts through alleyways
- if your child thinks someone is following them, they should cross the road or go to a place with lots of people around, like a busy bus stop or shop
- your child could carry a whistle or shrill alarm around their neck or on a key chain to warn off suspicious strangers
- when travelling by bus, your child should try to use bus stops on busy roads
- if someone tries to take something from your child, tell them never to fight
- tell them to keep mobile phones and other valuables out of sight, and to turn off their mobile phone ringer to avoid attracting attention
- If your child is worried about anything that has happened whilst on their way to or from school please ask them to come and speak to a member of the Safeguarding Team or you can email [ssprouting@summerhill.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:ssprouting@summerhill.dudley.sch.uk)



### Fire Safety

We have been made aware of a couple of small fires that have been found in local woods. Please talk to your children about fire safety and what they should do if they were to come across a fire.



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