

Week 1



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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

WELCOME BACK!!

We hope that you have all had a fantastic summer holiday and that your children have had a great start to the new Academic Year. It has been excellent to see everyone back in school, looking smart and learning in lessons.

HRH Queen Elizabeth II

As a nation we were all saddened to hear of the death of HRH Queen Elizabeth II. The passing of the Queen is a huge historical event but will also affect many people on a more personal level. It may stir up feelings of a personal bereavement or feelings of loss, it may leave people feeling uncertain about the future under our new King or it may leave people questioning their own mortality. Through all of this our children may also have big feelings and questions about what is happening so below are some useful links that may help you during this difficult time:



[Supporting children following the death of the Queen | Winston's Wish \(winstonswish.org\)](https://www.winstonswish.org/)

[Charities Offer Mental Health Support for People Struggling After Death of Queen \(medscape.co.uk\)](https://www.medscape.co.uk/)



Online Challenges, Trends and Hoaxes

Social Media users are hit with new trends regularly, some of which are reported to be viral. Young people may see these trends or challenges online and see it as a way of becoming social media famous regardless of the risk that it could pose to themselves or others. The INEQE Safeguarding Group have produced guidance for parents with advice on how to respond to online trends and challenges:

[Responding to online challenges, trends, and hoaxes - Ineqe Safeguarding Group](#)

Scam Alert 'Hi Mom'

The scam 'Hi Mom' has been circulating through text message services such as Whatsapp. The scam impersonates friends or family messages in order to gain access to your personal information. Please follow the below link for more information on this scam:

[Scam Alert – The 'Hi Mum' WhatsApp Scam - Safer Schools \(oursaferschools.co.uk\)](https://www.oursaferschools.co.uk/)



School Policies

Below are two school policies that you should be aware of. Please have a look through and make yourselves familiar with them:

Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing Policy

<https://www.summerhill.dudley.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=430&type=pdf>

Safeguarding and Child Protection

<https://www.summerhill.dudley.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=301&type=pdf>



Free School Meals

We know that everyone is feeling the pinch financially at the moment. If you think that you may be eligible for free school meals please click on the following link for more information:

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/benefits/free-school-meals/>



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