



**WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT A CHILD**

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Deputies straightaway.

**Bedford Borough Integrated Front Door (children's social services) 01234 718700**  
**Out of hours – 0300 3008123**

**If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police on 999**

**Meet the Designated Safeguarding Team:**

The Safeguarding Team oversee and coordinate all aspects of the school's work to ensure that children are kept safe.

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For a copy of our school's Child Protection Policy, please visit the Safeguarding page on our [school website](#)

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the twentieth edition of the newsletter from the Goldington Academy Safeguarding Team. Our aim is to bring you all the latest, relevant help and advice on issues that we feel will be of importance to you. In this issue, the main focus is on **reporting bullying at Goldington Academy and E-Safety week 2024.**

Safeguarding children is everybody's responsibility. If you have concerns about the safety or welfare of any child, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

We hope that you will find the information in this newsletter useful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information or support with any of the topics raised.

Yours sincerely

Mr W Atkinson  
**Assistant Headteacher**  
**Designated Safeguarding Lead**

**Reporting bullying at Goldington Academy**

At Goldington Academy we take bullying very seriously. However, it is very difficult to address bullying issues if they are not reported to us. Therefore, we have put a number of reporting mechanisms in place for pupils and parents. For example, anti-bullying boxes in every form room, anti-bullying ambassadors and restorative justice ambassadors in every year group, staff email address on the website, pupil email accounts, half termly anti-bullying assemblies etc.

To make it even easier to report bullying of any form we have recently launched a QR code reporting system, which is now live and accessible on the homepage of the school website next to other various links to key safety information and reporting. The QR will also go in pupil planners next year.

By scanning the QR code, users open an online form, which can be completed anonymously if the user wishes. There is a section for users to enter details of the concern, and this is then emailed to the Heads of Year.



## E-Safety week 2024

Last week was E-safety week and we marked this in school through E-safety focused assemblies, which have taken place across last week and this week. We recently had Bedfordshire Police in school to talk to pupils in KS3 about E-Safety and the simple steps they can take to ensure they are using the internet safely.

This included:

- Only using trusted websites and verified sources of information.
- Ensuring privacy settings are fully utilised.
- Not accepting friend requests or interacting with strangers online.
- Never meeting up with friends made online that pupils don't already know in person.
- Not using forenames and surnames for user names on social media.
- Not posting information about daily routines over social media.
- Not uploading images of themselves online that could be later used to cause harm or upset.
- Being extremely careful to not post material that is inappropriate or could cause offence – apply the grandma rule!

We continue to reiterate this information to pupils not only during E-Safety week, but through our curriculum and throughout the year.

For further information please visit: <http://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/goldington-academy>

### What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Snapchat

[Free Online Safety Guide | Snapchat \(nationalcollege.com\)](http://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/goldington-academy)

A free online safety guide on Snapchat.

Snapchat is a photo and video-sharing app through which users can chat with friends via text or audio. Images and videos can be shared with specific friends, or as a 'story' (documenting the previous 24 hours) which is visible to a person's entire friend list. Snapchat usage rose significantly during the lockdown periods, with many young people utilising it to stay connected with their peers. The app continues to develop features to engage an even larger audience and emulate current trends, rivalling platforms such as TikTok and Instagram.

In the guide, you will find tips on avoiding potential risks such as sexting, visible location and contact from strangers.

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Once you have registered, you will be able to access the "Online Safety for Parents and Carers' course" and National Online Safety's Resources (which includes a wide range of online platform guides on the latest social media channels and games). This aims to help empower parents with the knowledge to protect their children from the dangers of the internet.

### Early Help Service

The Early Help service is made up of six Early Help professionals who support schools to co-ordinate early help for pupils and their families. The Early Help service includes the following teams:

- Adolescent response team
- Early Help Hub
- Education Welfare
- Family Information Service
- Family Support Hub
- Inclusion Support
- Parenting Team
- Strengthening Families Team

For further information, please visit [Early Help Assessment - Overview | Bedford Borough Council](#) or speak to any member of the school's safeguarding team.