PSA SAFEGUARDING BULLETIN

Welcome to the PSA safeguarding bulletin. These will be sent out regularly with the latest news. It is our collective responsibility to keep your children safe, in and out of school, from any harm. We would encourage you to speak to your children regularly about the items featured in this bulletin. Thank you in advance for your support in promoting these messages.

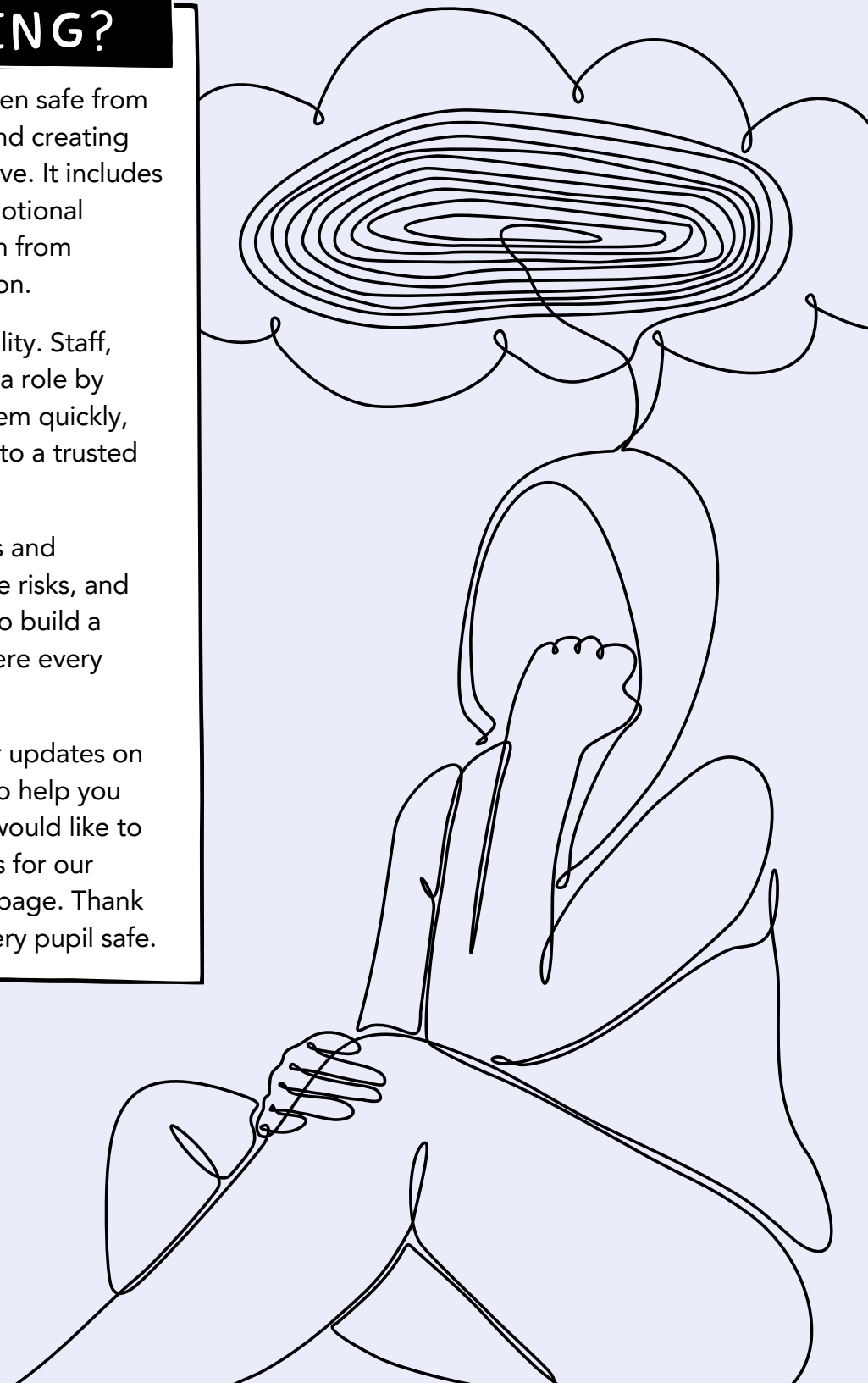
WHAT IS SAFEGUARDING?

Safeguarding means keeping children safe from harm, promoting their wellbeing, and creating an environment where they can thrive. It includes not only physical safety but also emotional health, online safety, and protection from bullying, exploitation or radicalisation.

Safeguarding is a shared responsibility. Staff, parents, carers, and visitors all play a role by staying alert to concerns, raising them quickly, and encouraging children to speak to a trusted adult if they feel worried.

As a school, we follow clear policies and procedures to prevent harm, reduce risks, and respond effectively. We also work to build a culture of respect and kindness where every child feels supported and valued.

These newsletters will share regular updates on safeguarding and practical advice to help you support your child at home. If you would like to talk to someone, the contact details for our safeguarding team are on the final page. Thank you for working with us to keep every pupil safe.



OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Operation Encompass is a partnership between police and education services that ensures schools can provide swift, effective support to children affected by domestic abuse. By sharing information quickly and sensitively, schools are able to put the right care in place and offer immediate support.

This brief video tells the story of how the experience of one child instigated the creation of Operation Encompass by Elisabeth and David Carney-Haworth OBE's.

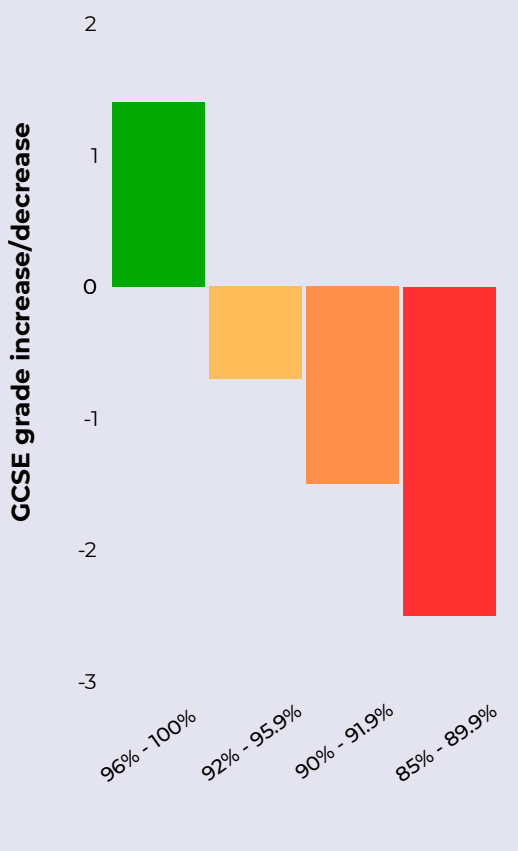
TERM TIME LEAVE

Thinking of taking your child away during term time?

You must inform the school if you are planning to go abroad during term time. Failure to do so or asking a friend or relative to call in sick for your child will result in a referral to the local authority. Your child could be classified as "a child missing from education," and social care and other safeguarding teams could become involved.

There are approximately 91 school holiday days, which should be used for holidays.

A two-week absence from school not only affects your child's attendance but also causes them stress and anxiety as they try to catch up on the 50 lessons they have missed.

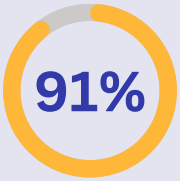




Arriving 15 minutes late every day adds up to two weeks absence a year, that's **55 hours of lessons missed**.



95% attendance means 50 hours of lessons missed, meaning students will have missed about two weeks of lessons.



91% attendance or lower = **one grade lower** across all subjects.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

Parental controls are a simple but powerful way to help protect your child online. They can be used to block harmful or upsetting content, limit in-app purchases, or manage how much time your child spends online. Even innocent searches can sometimes lead to worrying results, so parental controls add an extra layer of protection.

Setting them up is straightforward. Most internet providers, devices, and apps have clear guidance on how to apply restrictions, and many offer age-appropriate settings that can be adjusted as your child grows.

Of course, no system is foolproof. The best protection combines parental controls with regular conversations about online safety. Talking openly with your child about what they're doing, who they're speaking to, and what they might see online helps them to feel supported and make safer choices.

Together, these steps give children the freedom to explore the digital world with more confidence and safety.



PSA SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Should you have any concerns / issues regarding safeguarding, you can talk to the following designated safeguarding leads or any other trusted adult in the school. You can also email safeguarding@psa-bucks.com.



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