



21 September 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Safeguarding Team

We take the safety of our students very seriously and have an experienced Safeguarding Team. I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead for our school and I also have three Deputy Safeguarding Leads (Mrs Bendall, Mrs Beckett and Miss Nimmo). If you are concerned about your child or another child then please contact reception and they will put you through to a member of the team. Alternatively, you can email me directly at: j.bhadye@maidenerleghtrust.org.

More information can be found on our website at:

<https://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/page/?title=Child+Protection+and+Safeguarding&pid=24>

Target Bullying Programme

Whilst bullying is very rare, we take all forms of bullying very seriously, when it does occur. The school will investigate and intervene when bullying takes place on school premises, on the journey to and from school (whilst students are wearing uniform), during off site activities and whilst using school equipment.

We have high expectations of everyone in the school community, including parents, students and staff and would like:

- Everyone to be respectful to each other
- Everyone to report abuse or bullying of another person
- The school to continue their proactive work in preventing bullying
- Students to learn what bullying is and what to do to report it
- Ensure the school runs an Anti-Bullying Week every year
- All teachers to be trained on the signs of bullying and how to listen to any student who feels they are being bullied

At school, we work together with the Anti Bullying Alliance and were awarded a Gold Award last year for our work. Further information about our Anti Bullying programme can be found on our website: <https://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/page/?title=TARGET+Bullying&pid=43>

Students have received/are in the process of receiving two assemblies on Safeguarding and Anti Bullying, both of which detail what they should do if they are worried about themselves or another student relating to these matters. They will be encouraged to tell a teacher, tell you or email our dedicated email addresses mestarget@maidenerleghtrust.org for bullying matters, or targetwellbeing@maidenerleghtrust.org for safeguarding matters.

If you require any further information on our Safeguarding or Anti Bullying Policy this can be found here: <http://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/page/?title=Key+Policies&pid=14>

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you this year to keep the whole of our school community safe.

Yours sincerely

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Safeguarding Lead

Mrs S Bendall
Senior Deputy Headteacher