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## Safeguarding Newsletter



### MSP Wellbeing Exhibition (update)

#### \*Early Notice and a date for your calendar\*

The **Brunts Academy** will be the **FIRST** very proud host of the **Mansfield Partnership Wellbeing Exhibition** on **Tuesday 15th July (4-6pm)**. The exhibition is being planned by the partnership and we have confirmation of the attendance of several organisations including Mansfield District Council, the local authority, Mansfield Town FC, The Healthy Families Team, Nottinghamshire Police, Fire Service, East Midlands Ambulance Service, The Youth Service, The Mental Health Support Team, along with a whole host of other providers and schools.

The purpose of the Expo is to support parents and young people with information and guidance about keeping themselves safe and the challenges faced in society growing up. The event is aimed at all ages from 10-16 and it is hoped parents/carers will attend with their children.

Olympic Swimmer, ex-student and national celebrity, **Rebecca Adlington** will open the event and contribute with an address about the importance of having positive **mental health**. She will also host a question and answer session.

Young People will lead information giving and answer questions in a wide range of wellbeing stalls. Refreshments will be available and there will be a free raffle for a prize draw, at no cost. This will include a signed Mansfield Town FC shirt!

Look out for more details in our flyer (sent with this publication) and on our social media channels, Facebook and 'X'

**PLEASE DO NOT MISS OUT!**



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SAFEGUARDING

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### Safeguarding is:

- **P**roviding early help to children as soon as problems emerge
- **P**rotecting children from abuse
- **P**reventing harm to children's development
- **P**roviding safe and effective care
- **P**romoting the best outcomes for children

### Emergency Contacts:

Police: 999—101

NSPCC: 08088005000

Childline: 0800-1111

MASH: 0300-5008090

EDT: 0300-4564546

CAMHS Crisis: 08081963779

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## Site Safety

We have installed additional **security fencing** this half term around our visitor arrival point at **Park Avenue**. Please note that this entrance is the only entrance for visitors including all or parents and carers. All adults arriving on site must have a pre-arranged appointment unless there is an emergency, and **must sign in at main reception**.

All our visitors that work with children are approved and checked with the relevant clearances from the Disclosure and Barring Service, and approved by their employer, for example Nottinghamshire County Council.

If we do not have approved credentials, visitors wear a **red lanyard** and will be supervised throughout their visit

All visitors are asked to read our **safeguarding information** on sign in and depart at the end of the visit via Park Avenue. Please DO NOT try to access the site via Bath Lane— you will be asked to come to Park Avenue and we wish to avoid adding inconvenience to your visit. **#ChildSafetyIsNumberOne**

If your child comes onto site from 0730, they **MUST** go to breakfast club in McBrunts or the Support Hub, these areas are supervised. They must not be anywhere else on site at this time.

## Safe driving :)

The Bath Lane drive has a speed restriction of **10mph**. This is **incredibly slow** in a vehicle, but it is this speed for a reason; to keep children safe. If you are choosing to drive up/down this access point, please stick to the limit...thank-you

## ③ Substance watch

Almost all young people who gain access to substances, do so via their mobile device and arrange to meet suppliers or third parties through an App, like What's App, Telegram or Wizz.

Social media has changed the way we interact in society and whilst this can have many benefits it poses many risks for young people. Key questions for parents/carers:

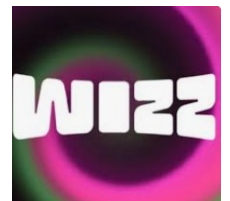
- Do you know how your child uses social media?
- Do you talk to them about their use, and have open, positive conversations?
- Do you know what apps they access and how they use them?
- In what ways do you keep your child safe online?

Change Grow Live support young people and their families—here:

<https://www.changegrowlive.org/>

## Vaping and the Law

**Reminder:** the buying and selling of disposable vapes will be illegal in the UK from 1st June 2025, this applies to in stores and online. It is an effort to protect children and the environment. Our new vaping awareness classes have commenced and we have positive feedback from this support.



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## “Safeguarding is everyone”

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### The social media revolution...access to substances

The consequences of increased accessibility:

The increased accessibility of drugs through social media has several significant consequences:

- 1) Health risks: Young people are particularly vulnerable to the harmful effects of drugs, including addiction, wellbeing and mental health issues, and physical health problems. The lack of regulation and quality control in the illicit drug market further exacerbates these risks. Many substances that can be obtained are not exactly what they are ‘sold as’. More harmful variants of substances or combinations of substances are commonplace.
- 2) Legal issues: Purchasing or distributing drugs is illegal and can lead to severe legal consequences, including arrest and imprisonment. Young people may not fully understand the legal consequences of their actions on social media.
- 3) Educational Impact: Drug use can negatively affect academic performance and lead to increased absenteeism, disengagement from school activities, and ultimately, a higher dropout rate.

All activity on the world wide web can be traced to a device’s IP address and therefore all online behaviours and actions are traceable.



### Dangers of fire

We are working with Nottinghamshire Fire Service in supporting the prevention of fire incidents in the local community, especially during periods of warmer weather, and specific work with groups and targeted individuals.

Each year Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service attends around **2,000 deliberate fires**. These range from fires in bins, skips, fly-tipped waste, grasslands and fields, barns, and haystacks, to properties and buildings. These cost the fire service and local organisations and businesses money; however, the true cost could potentially be even more significant. If fire service resources are tied up at this type of fire, it may mean a delay in attending a more serious incident. We respectfully ask parents and carers to do the following:

- Report any suspicious activity to [CRIMESTOPPERS](#) on [0800 555 111](#), or by calling the Police on [101](#)
- Report any build-up of rubbish, or fly-tipping, to your local authority's Environmental Health department
- Do not store flammable items, such as recycling waste close to your property or business
- Have skips collected once full
- Wherever possible keep your bin in a safe, secure place, and don't leave your bin out for collection longer than is necessary
- Ensure commercial bins are secured when not in use and stored away from buildings. Lock them, where possible, overnight
- Do not leave lighters, or matches, where children could reach them
- Ensure you are aware of where your children are and what they are doing
- Make sure that your children are aware of the risks of playing with fire and the consequences of deliberately setting a fire. This could include injuring or killing themselves or someone else, and/or being left with a criminal record

## Academy attendance

Our Academy attendance **remains above the national average**, indicating that children enjoy coming to school and the experiences they have with us. Our current attendance (year to date) is 91.9%, with the national average being 91.5%. Whilst the national average is declining, our attendance remains consistent. Thank-you for your support with this, BUT we remain **AMBITIOUS** to secure attendance which is **much higher** than national average. Please continue to support our Culture of High Attendance and ensure you notify our attendance team with any reasons for absence, by using our messaging App, WEDUC, or by calling 01623-623149 and leaving a voicemail on Option 1.

We need your support in two key areas please:

- 1) Term time holidays—please do not take your child out of school during term time. This affects their progress, opportunities and learning, and the absence is highly likely to be unauthorized, leading to a penalty notice in line with local authority and national guidance.
- 2) September 2025 **return**—please note the day of return to ensure your child attends the academy at the start of the term for a GREAT start. New Year 7, 11 and 12 return is on **Wednesday 3rd September**. Year 8, 9, 10 and 13 is on **Thursday 4th September**

It has been wonderful to see our students with 100% attendance wearing their podium badges this half term. Those with 100% for the Autumn and Spring terms have Bronze and Silver, **now** they are GOING FOR GOLD—Well done!

## Multi-agency working

Brunts Academy is proud to work proactively and effectively with safeguarding partners in the safeguarding ‘triangle’ and through the Nottinghamshire Children’s Safeguarding Partnership:

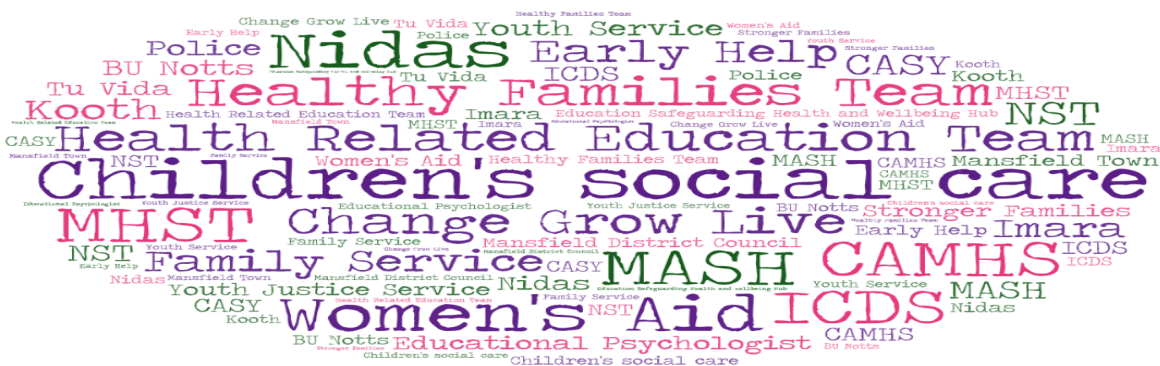
- The local authority (NCC, including schools)
- Clinical commissioning groups—the NHS
- The Police



Additionally, we work collaboratively through the **Mansfield**

**Safeguarding Partnership**, sharing information, ensuring high quality communication and preventative work that continues to keep children safe at Brunts Academy and beyond...

Here are a few of our ‘partners’...



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**In the next issue...** A focus on online safety