

William Law CE Primary School

School Newsletter - Autumn Term 2

Update from Miss Lenton



What an incredibly busy first term we had - the children experienced everything which we had hoped and planned for! Thank you to everyone who supported the many events and activities we were able to offer: parent information meetings; stay and learn sessions for reading and parent consultation meetings. We would like to thank you for your continued support as it makes such a huge difference.

Staff Update

We have recently had Mrs Nicholls join us on a fixed term contract as a Teaching Assistant, Mr Feek as Midday Supervisor and Miss Rogers will be joining us in January as Catering Assistant. We welcome them all to the William Law family.

Parents Calendar



The parents' calendar is on the school website for your perusal. Each time an event is added, the date in the top right hand corner will be changed. This way you know which the latest version is. Please find below a QR code which will take you to the parents' calendar.
The web link is

<https://www.williamlawceschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=6476&type=pdf>

Communications to School



Please remember that there is a 48 hours response time on all emails sent into school. If it is an emergency or in urgent cases, please call the school office on 01733

577600.

Trips and visits



All charges for trips and visits are voluntary contributions and whilst we cannot enforce payments, we are able to cancel a trip and provide refunds to those that have already paid. This would happen if a trip or visit has to be cancelled due to lack of funds received to cover the cost.

Attendance Update

Overall attendance in school is 95.8%. Well done to Classes 4, 6, 7, 8 and 20 who are currently in the top five for attendance since the start of the academic year.

There have been 345 occurrences of late arrivals at school since the start of the academic year. This equates to 4042 minutes or 11 days of lates across the whole school. Please ensure that your child gets to school on time, late arrivals does impact on their learning time and unsettle children with their relationships and friendships.

As part of raising awareness about your child's attendance, we shall be sending out reminders, monthly via Arbor. Good attendance is vital in ensuring your child achieves well in school. Good attendance is considered to be at least 96%. We do understand that illness cannot be avoided but where possible please send your child to school when they are well enough to do so.



Please click on this link sent by the NHS entitled 'Is my child too ill for school.' <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> for advice should you be unsure whether to send your child to school.

School Uniform



Parents of children in need of new school uniforms are being encouraged to head down to the reception area at City College Peterborough. The long-standing adult and community college campus on Brook Street has recently launched a Uniform Hub where families with primary- and secondary-aged kids can pick up new and replacement uniforms - for free. The idea of the hub is simple: people who have uniforms their kids have grown out of donate those items to The Hub. People in need of new uniforms come down, see if the type/size of uniform they're after is available, then take home whatever it is they're in need of.

Late Pick Up

Pick up from school is 3.15pm. If your child is not collected by 3.20pm they will be taken down to the School Office. If you do not collect them by 3.30pm, they will be taken over to The Hive Out of School Club and you will be invoiced for a session at £9.50 via Arbor, irrespective of what time you collect them. Please ensure that you collect your child/ren on time.

Communications Working Group

On Friday, 10th November 2023, a group of staff, parents and Governors met for the first time as part of the Communications Working Group. As part of the working group, the common consensus was positive on the progress that has been made by the school since the communication survey in June 2023. The key positives that were highlighted including:-



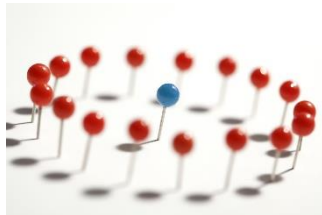
- Communication is clearer, concise and generally more accurate
- It is clear there is a targetted approach to sending emails to individuals, year groups, classes, rather than sending all communications to the whole school

As a result of the group, the school calendar will move into the term date area so all aspects of school life relating to dates is in one area.

The majority of communication from the school office is now being sent on a Thursday at 5.00pm. As part of the weekly communication, an update will be sent with the next two weeks of the school calendar snipped into the email. To support parents with reminders, communication updates are being sent at 5.00pm when required.

Thank to all of those who formed the group and attended, if you would like to be a regular attendee of this group yourself, the next meeting is on Friday, 19th January 2024 at 2.00pm. Please email office@williamlaw.pdet.org.uk to advise your attendance.

Bullying and Bullying Behaviour



This week is Anti-Bullying week, Anti-Bullying Week is a special event organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance to raise awareness about the negative impacts of bullying, encourage people to stand up against discrimination and promote the importance of individuality. It's a week dedicated to celebrating the values of inclusivity, respect and kindness. On Monday we took part in Odd Sock day which focus is to join together to show that it's okay to be different and to stand up against bullying and discrimination. Although it is Anti-Bullying week this week throughout the academic year we educate our children about Bullying and bullying behaviour.

Bullying is the **repetitive, intentional hurting** of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an **imbalance of power**. It can happen face to face or online.

At William Law, we educate children on bullying behaviour and communicate with the children regularly that **Bullying behaviour is not acceptable at our school or anywhere**. We show **Learning, living and loving together to be the best we can be and to flourish**. We discuss that **bullying can be seen in four different forms**.

Physical bullying is when someone uses their body to hurt someone else. This may include hitting, kicking, punching, pushing and damaging property.

Verbal bullying is when someone uses their words to hurt someone else. This may include name-calling and teasing.

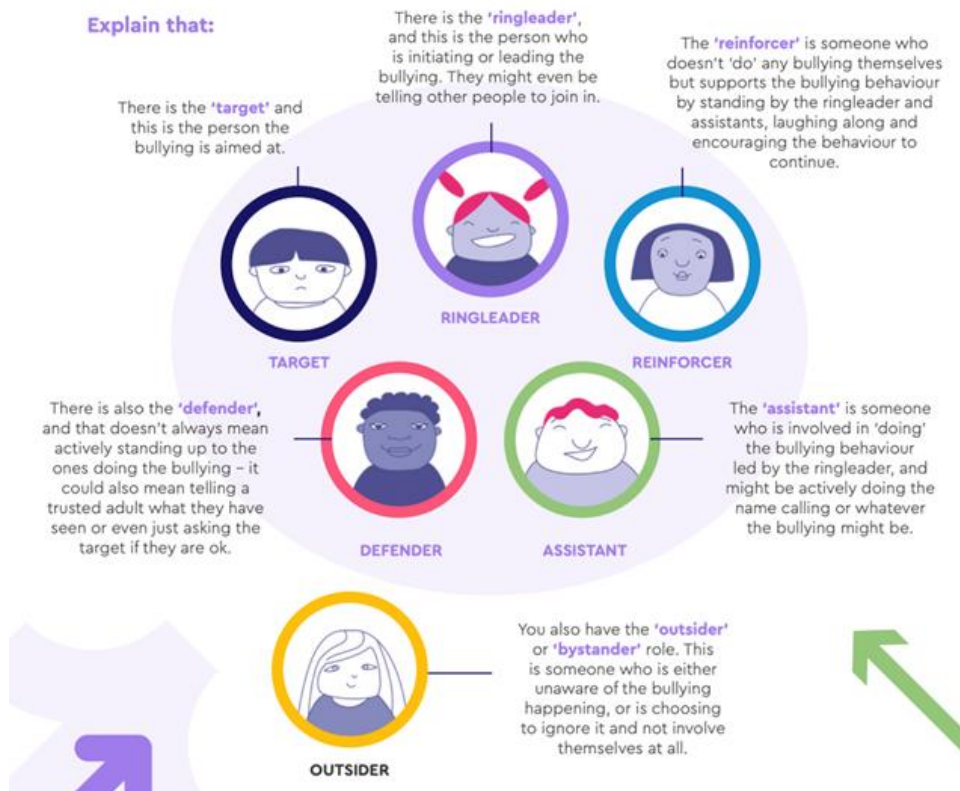
Social bullying is when someone tries to make others think badly of someone on purpose. This may include excluding them, spreading rumours or telling lies about someone.

Cyberbullying is when someone is bullied using technology such as a computer, laptop, tablet or mobile phone. This may include sending hurtful images, texts, social media posts or emails.

At William Law we talk about the roles involved in bullying to educate children to ensure they know what role they could be taking and not releasing. Recently we have focused on the role of a reinforcer and the importance of not letting behaviour happen.



Explain that:



We regularly reshare our expectations for break and lunch time which focus on bullying behaviour:

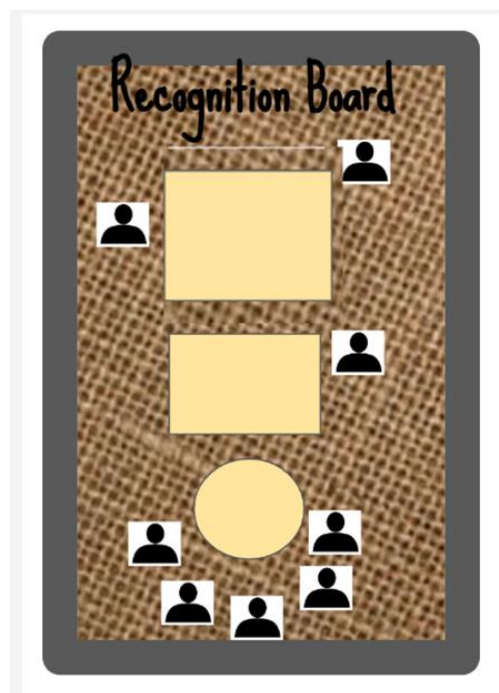
- We will show kindness to each other.
- We will not show bullying behaviour.
- We know these are bullying behaviours: encouraging fighting, gossiping about things that have happened and getting involved, chasing others when not in a game, pushing, hitting, kicking, biting, being mean about children's family, intimidating behaviour, leaving children out, making fun out of the way children look and act, trying to purposely upset and make children angry, watching others get hurt and encouraging it. We will make sure we are not showing these behaviours.
- If we see or hear something not right we will ask for help.
- We will not reinforce negative behaviour.
- We will look out for others.

When bullying behaviour and bullying is present at William Law strong action is taken.

William Law Powers



As part of our William Law Powers, this half term we continue to focus on our behaviour powers. Each week we have a focus on our class recognition boards. Every class has a recognition board with the focus on recognising positive choices. Each recognition board has three focuses, a class focus, our whole school focus and a focus on our William Law Powers.



Keep your child safe from cyber-flashing

What is it?

Cyber-flashing is when a stranger sends an explicit picture, uninvited, to your phone via Wi-Fi or Bluetooth. It's sexual harassment.

It's most likely to happen on public transport or in crowded places.

The file-sharing app AirDrop for iPhone and iPads is most commonly associated with cyberflashing, but there are lots of different file-sharing apps out there.

With AirDrop, it's easy for anyone to send you images. The automatic preview feature means you also see images without actually opening them.

3 steps to keep your child safe

1. Restrict who can send files to your child's phone

Most file-sharing apps allow users to restrict who can send files to them by Wi-Fi or Bluetooth. Find out which apps your child uses, then make sure your child knows how to use these settings.

For AirDrop on **iPhones**:

- Open '**Control Centre**' (swipe down from the upper-right corner or up from the bottom of the screen, depending on the model)
- Press firmly on the **network settings card** in the upper-left corner. This will open more connectivity controls
- Tap and hold the **AirDrop** icon
- Select '**Contacts Only**', or '**Receiving Off**' (to not receive AirDrop requests)

Or, do this by going to Settings > General > AirDrop

Some of the other most popular file-transfer apps include:

- Google Drive
- Dropbox
- Microsoft OneDrive
- AirDroid
- Zappy

Make sure your child knows to only accept files from people they know.

2. Turn off Bluetooth when not using it

Otherwise, it's easy for strangers nearby to send images to your child's phone.

To do this on **iPhone**, open 'Control Centre' (see above), then tap the Bluetooth icon (it looks like a 'B'). The icon dims when it's off.

On **Android**, swipe down from the top (you might need to do this twice or scroll across). Then tap the Bluetooth 'B' icon to turn it off. It'll be grey when Bluetooth is off.

3. Make sure your child knows what to do if it happens to them

If your child doesn't feel in immediate danger, they should take a screenshot and report the incident to the police using the non-emergency numbers:

- If it happens on public transport, text 61016 or call 0800 40 50 40
- If it happens anywhere else, call 101

If your child feels scared or in immediate danger, they should call 999. They should also move to a safe place – find someone in authority to talk to like platform staff, a security guard or a shop manager.

If it happens in school, your child should talk to a trusted adult immediately.

Sources

This factsheet was produced by [The Key Safeguarding](http://thekeysupport.com/safeguarding): <http://thekeysupport.com/safeguarding>

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