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Dear Parents/Carers

At City Academy, we prioritise the safety, well-being, and dignity of all individuals within our community. Safeguarding is central to the work of City Academy and underpins our CORE values. All staff have a responsibility to safeguard students and are committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all. There are sixteen Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) who are trained to identify children and families who need early help and require support. They work with a range of external agencies to ensure all students are safe, ensuring there is wrap-around support available during the school holidays. These agencies include Birmingham Children's Trust and West Midlands Police.

The Safeguarding Team at City Academy:

Mrs G. Patel- Lead DSL & Assistant Headteacher

Mrs R. Bakewell- Headteacher

Mr M. Tully- Deputy Headteacher

Mr P. Coleby- Deputy Headteacher

Mr A. Dowe- Assistant Headteacher

Mr S. Bibb- Assistant Headteacher

Mr S. Parkes- SENDCO

Mr L. Francis- Pastoral Manager/DDSL

Ms S. Hyde- Year Group Coordinator Year 7

Mrs K. Guice- Year Group Coordinator Year 8

Mr U. Malik- Year Group Coordinator Year 9

Miss F. Oyelami- Year Group Coordinator Year 10

Mr J. McDaniel- Year Group Coordinator Year 11

Mr A. Yeomans- Head of Year 10

Mr M. Morton- Head of Year 7

Jodie Smith- Head of Department RE

If you have a concern or issue that you would like to discuss with us, please feel free to call us and ask for a DSL or named DSL, or email us on:

Email: safeguarding@corecity.academy



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Police and Schools panel (West Midlands Police):

At City Academy we value work with our external partners and particularly West Midlands Police. We regularly share information with each other to ensure our students are safeguarded and kept from harm. A Senior Leader from City Academy regularly attends the Police and Schools' panel. Here, our team are updated with the latest trends and updates that could affect young people. This allows us to be proactive in our pastoral care providing the education our young people need to stay safe, inside and outside of the Academy.

Online Safety:

At City Academy we use filtering and monitoring systems; Netsweeper and SENSO to keep students safe online. DSLs are alerted when students are thought to be unsafe so that all concerns can be addressed. This week at City Academy our School Intervention Protection Officers (SIPO) have delivered assemblies to all year groups about Online Safety.

Advice and information about keeping your child safe online can be found at: www.nspcc.org.uk and www.ceop.police.uk

Personal Development Curriculum:

Each Friday during Period 1, students at City Academy have a lesson on Personal Development (PSHE). In these lessons we cover a wide variety of topics, which help to prepare children for life beyond City Academy. These topics come under three broad areas Health and wellbeing, Living in the wider world and Relationships. The curriculum is designed to meet the needs of our students and is designed to support them with many of the challenges they may face and need to be equipped to tackle. A large part of this curriculum is all about how children can keep themselves safe and happy, both in school and in the community. Within this, we cover:

- Healthy relationships
- Safety in the community
- Healthy lifestyles (including drugs and alcohol abuse)
- Respect and Individual rights

In addition to the PSHE curriculum, we run weekly assemblies. These are led by our staff on a variety of topics and many of these are connected to national days of awareness such as World Children Day, Anti Bullying Week, Safer Internet Day and Human Rights Day. We have several established partnerships who support us with delivery of certain topics. One of these is the Police, who will deliver assemblies this year on "Social Media and the law" and "Youth violence".

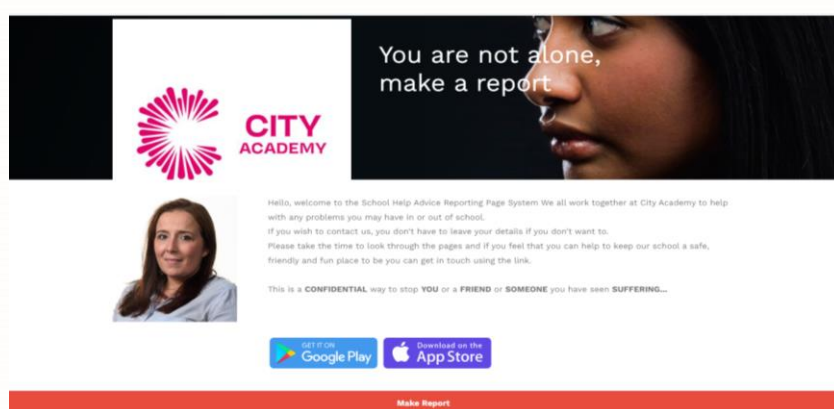
Mentoring:

At City Academy we work with several mentoring providers including Antonio and Jay from MADE Mentors, Football Beyond Borders and Free 2 Dream. Mentoring is tailored to suit the individual needs of the student, and each provider can offer our students something different, ensuring students receive the right support for them. There are a number of services in the local area and nationally that can support you and your child with mental health and wellbeing concerns; www.kooth.com, www.youngminds.org.uk and www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.nhs.uk

SHARP System:

The Sharp System is a tool available to City Academy students who wish to relay any problems, both in and out of school. Issues can be raised with confidentiality by students and is checked daily by our Lead DSL and relayed through the Pastoral Team to ensure every student voice is heard and every need addressed as much as humanly possible to keep our children safe and to maximise their chances of reaching their potential.

The Sharp System is available on the City Academy website through 'Student Links' and all students need to click is the "make report" button (see below) or is available on the Google Play Store/Apple App Store for students to download to mobile device.



We hope that you have found this 'Friday letter' informative and will continue to share information with you throughout the year. If any families have suggestions of future topics, that you would like us to share, please get in contact with us by emailing: enquiries@corecity.academy.

As a reminder, if families want to get in touch, we very much welcome this. There are many ways in which you can contact us. Some are detailed below:

- Phone school on 0121 729 7100
- Email school enquiries@corecity.academy
- Come into school to book an appointment through reception
- Email staff members directly
- Email any concerns you have to our safeguarding email safeguarding@corecity.academy
- Attend parents evenings/sessions throughout the year to discuss your child's progress,

We have more information about City Academy on our school website, which can be found by clicking this link: [City Academy \(corecity.academy\)](http://CityAcademy(corecity.academy)). Additionally, a good page for information is: [Statutory Information - City Academy \(corecity.academy\)](http://StatutoryInformation-CityAcademy(corecity.academy)).

It has been a pleasure to welcome your child for this academic year. With all of our commitment to their education, development and growth, we see very positive futures for our young people!



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As always, I thank you for your continued support and look forward to working with you throughout your child's journey at City Academy.

Yours sincerely



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