

## Duke's Secondary School

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Principal: Mr R Atkinson

Dear Parents / Carers

### Duke's Safeguarding and Student Welfare

I would like to introduce you to the safeguarding team and make you aware of the support systems and procedures we have here at Duke's Secondary school.



We are here to ensure appropriate systems and effective measure are in place to protect all children in our care. This includes all procedures designed to prevent harm to a child.

If you ever have a concern you wish to raise please contact any of the team on the school number: 01670 816111 or email [Jeanette.Gadsby@dukes.ncea.org.uk](mailto:Jeanette.Gadsby@dukes.ncea.org.uk)

### Student Support within Duke's

**Tutors** are available to offer support on a daily basis and is normally a student's first point of contact. **Tutor time, PSHE, assemblies and external agencies** are used to teach your child about issues relating to safeguarding and mental health. Students have access to the Worry Wall to discreetly pass on any concerns they may have.

**Heads of Year** are available every day to support any pastoral issues, as well as being **Deputy Safeguard leads**.

We have a **Mental Health Lead** to advise and support staff and students.



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**THRIVE** practitioners offer interventions to promote positive relationships and behaviours.

We have teamed up with CYGNUS counselling service to offer a **Counsellor** 3 days per week.

**Early Help lead** is available to coordinate internal support as well referring to external agencies such as NIES, School Health, Primary mental health and CYPS to name a few.

The following websites offer support for children and families:

[www.Kooth.com](http://www.Kooth.com) – Emotional and mental health support for children and young people aged 11 and 24

[www.quell.io](http://www.quell.io) – Free, safe anonymous mental wellbeing support for adults in the www.

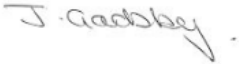
[www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk) supporting, children, young people and parent / carers.

Below is a link offering online safety advice and support:

<https://express.adobe.com/page/IMwEX3zu3wrRD/>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the safeguarding team

Yours sincerely



Ms J Gadsby  
Assistant Principal