

# SAFEGUARDING – EVERYONE’S RESPONSIBILITY

## CULTURE OF VIGILANCE

At Ridgewood High School we take **safeguarding very seriously**. All staff working at Ridgewood High School have a statutory duty to ‘safeguard and promote the welfare of children’.

All visitors and adults are expected to act in a way that supports this and to report any concerns that they have about the welfare of children.

All staff are trained in child protection and safeguarding.

## SAFEGUARDING OUR STUDENTS IN THE BUILDING

All staff who work here should be wearing a silver lanyard at all times. Silver lanyard signifies DBS checked.

All visitors will be issued with a lanyard and a safeguarding leaflet. By signing in and out of the visitors book they are agreeing to follow the advice in the leaflet.

Visitors with a red lanyard are not allowed to wander the school site without supervision.

## REPORTING ADULTS

Children are taught how to keep themselves safe from adults who may seek to exploit them through grooming. They are encouraged to report any worries or concerns that they may be at risk of harm from adults in the school, at home or on a work placement.

**Concerns about adults should be reported to the Headteacher or directly to the Chair of Governors.**

## PREVENT DUTY

Ridgewood High School has a due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. We are vigilant about the risk to all children of being targeted by those who may seek to radicalise them or involve them in extremist ideology. We work in partnership with other agencies to report concerns, assess risk and action plan. Our curriculum seeks to build children’s resilience and ability to protect themselves from these risks. The Designated Safeguarding Lead, Helen Baldry, is also the Prevent Lead. Other members of the Safeguarding Team would be able to help also, should you have any concerns.

Sources of information on Prevent are: **CTU\_GATEWAY@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk**    **DFE helpline – 020 7340 7264**  
**counter.extremism@education.gov.uk**    **dudleysafeandsound.org**

## REPORTING CONCERNS

If you have any concerns, no matter how small, about the health and safety of a child at this school or feel that something may be troubling them please share this with a member of school staff straight away. Some issues (e.g. a child’s appearance or behaviour) can be shared with any teacher or member of support staff at school. **However, if you think the matter is very serious and may be related to a child protection issue (e.g. physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect) you need to talk to a member of the safeguarding team. Ask at reception and inform them that it is a confidential and urgent safeguarding matter.**

Should you be unable to speak to any of the safeguarding Team and still wish to report it the following numbers are Dudley Safeguarding contacts.

**MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) 0300 555 0050 Monday to Friday 9am – 5 pm**

Out of office hours contact the Emergency Duty Team on **0300 555 8574** or in an emergency call **999**.

Alternatively, you can call ChildLine on **0800 1111** or email them by visiting [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

## SAFEGUARDING TEAM



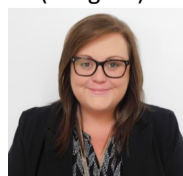
**Asst Headteacher  
Helen Baldry  
DSL Trained**



**Headteacher  
Rae Cope  
DSL Trained**

Our Heads of Year and SENCO are experienced with safeguarding and are DSL trained.

**Miss J Rose**  
SENCO  
(+English)



**Miss K Bastock**  
Head of Year  
(PSHCE/RE/Hist)



**Miss R Billingham**  
Head of Year  
(Science)



**Miss S Gower**  
Head of Year  
(Science)



**Mrs D Shakespeare**  
Head of Year  
(Art/DT)



**Mr A Wilks**  
Head of Year  
(PE/Geography)

