



Nether Stowe School

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21 July 2023

Dear Parent, Carers and Guardians,

Safeguarding Summer Letter 2023

Attendance

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to you for supporting your child to attend school on a regular basis. Children who have attended for 95% or above this academic year will be in a better position to begin the next stage of their learning journey at Nether Stowe School. For children where attendance falls below this, we ask that you encourage your child to attend every day from September, and please speak with the school if you have concerns or your child is struggling to attend when they are well enough to be in school. Daily attendance not only further secures academic progress but supports your child to develop socially, pursue activities they have a passion for and develop skills that will support success in a further education setting or place of work.

Summer Holidays

The summer holidays begin on the 21st July 2023 and school will be closed for six weeks. Please note that emails to school will not be actioned until September. If you have a concern that needs immediate support, please contact Staffordshire Children's Safeguarding Board: *For confidential advice and support with behaviour, parenting, child development, emotional health and well-being text Chat Health 07520 615722.*

Staffordshire Connects: Is a website that can signpost you to find help and support in your community, including advocacy and support for you and your family.

<https://www.staffordshireconnects.info/kb5/staffordshire/directory/family.page?familychannel=9>

If you are concerned about a child

School will be closed until 6th September, and this is where the community becomes essential for families and children that may need support. If you are concerned about a family or child within the community, please contact the services below.

Report a concern

Staffordshire Advice and Support Service (SCASS)

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Care-for-children-and-families/Childprotection/First-Response.aspx#Reportaconcern>

Phone: 0300 111 8007 and select option 1.

Out of hours- Outside of the hours above, or on weekends and bank holidays, please contact the Emergency Duty Team by phoning 0345 604 2886.

Police

If you believe the child to be at risk of immediate harm, this must be reported to the police on 999 or 101.

Where to find information on things to do?

Space

<https://staffordshirespace.uk/>: Fun activities for 8-17 year-olds during the school summer holiday across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent

Food Banks

Please access Lichfield Food bank if you need to over the summer holidays. We understand that the cost of food increases for our families and with the current financial crisis this year may be even more challenging.

<https://lichfield.foodbank.org.uk/>

Online during the summer

Please note that school devices will be usable over the summer, although we intend to continue with the normal access time for only activity. A letter has been sent to you with further details, but we advise that you ensure you are checking your child's device often and that they are not used in bedrooms or areas in the home that encourages unsafe online behaviours.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/staying-safe-online-in-the-summer-holidays-advice-for-parents-and-carers>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

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During the summer holidays it may be a time where water looks more enticing for young people to play in due to the hot weather, and there are many places where our children can access water that is not monitored. Please ensure that your children are aware of the risks and what to do if they come across others in any difficulties near water.

<https://www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk/your-safety/safety-outside/water-safety/>

We look forward to welcoming back children in September and working with you all.

Yours faithfully,

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