Co-op Academy Southfield

Safeguarding Newsletter : Autumn 2

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Welcome to Co-op Academy Southfield's termly safeguarding newsletter.

Keeping our students safe, happy and supported is at the heart of everything we do. Safeguarding is a shared responsibility - every single day - and we believe the best way to protect our young people is by working hand-in-hand with our families.

New Team Member!

We are delighted to welcome Naushin, our new Family Engagement Officer, to our school community this term! Please take a moment to say hello when you see her around. We've asked Naushin to share a quick introduction below so you can get to know her a little better.



Hi, I'm Naushin. I am a dedicated Family Engagement Officer with a strong background as an Outreach Worker and Teaching Assistant. I am passionate about building relationships and supporting families- I work to remove barriers so that every child can reach their full potential.

Safeguarding at Co-op Academy Southfield



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Designated Safeguarding Lead



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Deputy Safeguarding Lead



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Here is how we ensure your child is protected every day:

- Our top priority is keeping your child safe. All staff receive regular safeguarding training, and clear reminder notices are displayed across the school so everyone knows our safety policies.
- All staff use CPOMS to report any safety or wellbeing concerns. Our Safeguarding Team reviews entries daily, contacts parents and works directly with families to offer support.
- We work closely with partner agencies such as Early Help and Short Breaks to connect families with extra support whenever it is needed.
- Staff working directly with students are Team Teach certified, ensuring they can safely, calmly, and effectively support young people if they become distressed.

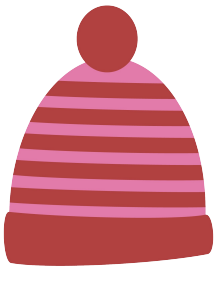
Online Safety:
Staying Safe Online This Winter



As the darker winter months arrive, many of our young people spend more time indoors- and naturally, more time on screens, gaming consoles or tablets. Digital devices offer fantastic entertainment and connection, but it is equally important to balance screen time with healthy habits and online protection.

Supporting our children to navigate the digital world safely is a team effort between home and school. We regularly share newsletters, parental control tips and trend updates to help you manage screen time, app safety and online interactions at home.

Explore Our Online Safety Newsletters:
You can find our dedicated Online Safety resources on our school website at https://www.southfield.coopacademies.co.uk/parents/safeguarding/keeping-children-safe-online, (or click the 'Online Safety' tab under Parents > Safeguarding).

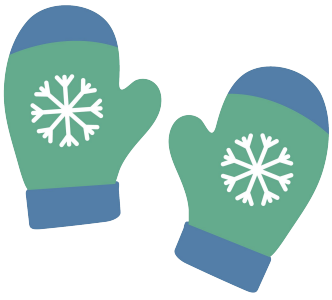


Here to Help:
Winter & Cost of Living Support

We know winter can bring extra financial strain on household budgets. If you or your family need a helping hand with energy costs, winter essentials or food support over the coming months, help is available across the Bradford district:

Access information on general cost of living via the Bradford Household Support Fund. Locate Emergency food parcels and low-cost food markets using the Find Food in Bradford Directory.

Our pastoral team is always here if you need help navigating local support applications or setting up a foodbank referral- please don't hesitate to reach out in confidence.



Supporting Family Wellbeing: Winter Outings & Respite

Taking a breather helps to safeguarding your own wellbeing. Whether it's enjoying a warm drink while your child explores a quiet sensory session or taking 20 minutes for a peaceful walk, building moments of respite into your winter routine can help to keep the whole family resilient.

➔ 'Just Be You' Sensory Christmas Adventure at Thornton Hall Country Park:

The 'Just Be You' Christmas Adventure is specially designed for families of children with additional needs. With smaller groups, longer time slots and adjusted performances. With sensory considerations, it offers a calmer, more relaxed experience for those who may find crowds, noise or busy environments overwhelming.
https://christmasadventures.co.uk/christmas-events/just-be-you-adventure/

➔ 'Relaxed Sessions' at the Science and Media Museum:

These relaxed sessions offer a calm environment for visitors who prefer to explore without the usual levels of noise and activity. They are designed for anyone who would benefit from a more relaxed setting, including neurodivergent visitors, those with sensory processing differences and families who need a quieter space.
https://www.scienceandmediamuseum.org.uk/whats-on/relaxed-sessions

➔ Seasonal, Sensory & Autism Friendly Cinema at The Light Bradford

These relaxed screenings are designed to create a more sensory-friendly environment than typical cinema screenings. To make these screenings more comfortable, the sound is turned down low, the lights are only dimmed, not turned off, the film will play without ads or trailers and guests are welcome to move around or change seats if they wish.
https://bradford.thelight.co.uk/autism-friendly