



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Safeguarding...

Like all schools, Yew Tree has statutory safeguarding responsibilities. As you can see, from the information [HERE](#), our responsibilities are vast. Safeguarding is not simply about managing child protection issues but includes a much wider focus on welfare too.

Safeguarding is a shared responsibility which extends far beyond staff in schools. As you can see from this 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' video [HERE](#), different professionals are required to work together in order to help, support and protect children.

As we take our safeguarding responsibilities extremely seriously at Yew Tree, we commission a bi-annual external safeguarding audit with a expert organisation called Incyte International. Having previously secured the platinum award (the highest award we could achieve), this week we hosted our assessment visit for reaccreditation.

Whilst we have to wait for our final report, and news of the level of award we have achieved, the feedback we had from our visit was excellent. The assessor told us, "this school is a beacon of excellence in safeguarding."

I would like to say just how proud and thankful I am for everyone who was part of this process. However, I would like to express particular thanks to Ms Roberts, Ms Reed & Ms Melia who lead our safeguarding & pastoral work.

*Mr Jamie Barry*



**Our attendance TARGET is 96%.**

*"Be in to win...!"*

We have had a difficult week or so for attendance due to 'winter bugs' which are going round slightly earlier than usual.

If your child feels well enough, please check out the NHS link below to see when they can attend school:



## END OF DAY PROCEDURES

The end of each day is a really busy time of day at Yew Tree. We have over 600 children at school so, when dismissing, there are lots of additional adults on site at any one time.

Our gates/doors open at 3.20pm and, in most cases, the vast majority of children have been safely collected by 3.25pm.

We ask that parents/carers are patient during this time. This includes not blocking doorways or exits to get close and not pushing in front of other adults already waiting.

In order to help us be as efficient as possible, please remember that you must notify the office if someone is collecting your child that is not listed on your child's contact list (so a password can be agreed). You must also notify us if one of the wrap-around providers are collecting your child.

## SAFER TRAVEL

As you may be aware, the clocks go back an hour on **SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**.

Therefore, as the nights will be darker, Y5 and Y6 children will **NOT** be allowed to walk home after clubs or tutoring. Safer travel will continue at 3.20pm (end of day) but children must be collected if staying until 4.30pm.

## Y5 PARENTS' MEETING

Next week, our Y5 parents/carers are invited to meet with the School Nurse on:

**TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER at 2.45pm**

This short meeting will share details of what the children will cover, in their session about puberty and changing bodies, later in the week.

### PARENTS' EVENING

We look forward to meeting many parents/carers next week (22.10.25) for our Parents' Evening.

As these meetings take place on Zoom (they are not in person so please do not arrive in school), teachers will send you the links later today. When joining the meetings, please do ensure your camera is enabled and your display name makes it clear who your child is.

### CHILDREN IN NEED

Whilst we recognise there are many worthy charities we could support, we do limit our support to one charity day per term.

This term, we shall be supporting BBC Children in Need on **FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**. On this day, children can wear something spotty/Pudsey themed in return for a donation of your choice.

### HALF TERM

Don't forget that children break up for half term on:

#### THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER

We have an INSET day on 24.10.25 so school will be closed that day. Children return to school, for the start of autumn 2, on **MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER** at the usual time.



### CODE OF CONDUCT

We are pleased that the vast majority of parents/carers treat our staff with respect all the time. However, for the benefit of a very small minority, please can we remind everyone of the Parents' Code of Conduct which is available [HERE](#).

Whilst we recognise there may be times when we disagree with one another, it is vital that everyone is spoken to/treated in a respectful manner at all times.

Not only is this a right for each individual, it also demonstrates to our children how respect is vital and how valued staff are.

### STAFFING NEWS

Following some recent staff changes, and ongoing recruitment, please note:

Ms Chauhaan (TA) has left and is currently being covered by Ms Bartlam. We are recruiting for this role at the moment and shall let you know when we have appointed.

Ms Woolley & Ms Nettleford join our lunchtime team after half term. Ms Cooper has recently joined our cleaning team and Ms Parkin joins after half term.

Finally, Ms Lawton is expecting her first baby early next summer so we are currently recruiting for her maternity cover and shall share news of this ASAP.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
17.10.25	Y4 INSPIRE session – 9.00am	23.10.25	Y5 puberty workshops
20.10.25	Y3 visit to Edmond Hall	23.10.25	Break up for <b>HALF TERM</b>
20.10.25	Y2 PANTS workshops	24.10.25	<b>INSET DAY</b> – School closed
20.10.25	YR hands & teeth workshops	03.11.25	Start of <b>AUTUMN 2</b>
21.10.25	Y3 & Y4 healthy eating workshops	03.11.25	PTA meeting – 2.30pm
21.10.25	Y6 emotional health workshops	06.11.25	PTA community firework night – 5.00pm
21.10.25	Y5 parents' meeting – puberty – 2.45pm	07.11.25	Deadline for Y2 residential balances
22.10.25	YR & Y6 height & weight checks	07.11.25	Y5 INSPIRE session – 9.00am
22.10.25	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm – 6.30pm	10.11.25	National anti-bullying day
23.10.25	Non-uniform day - £1 per child	12.11.25	WBA football tournament – boys
23.10.25	Attendance Shop - OPEN	12.11.25	Y4 class assemblies - PM