



WALKWOOD WELLBEING

SAFEGUARDING AT WALKWOOD

Welcome to the Walkwood Wellbeing Newsletter
We are delighted to welcome all pupils and families back to Walkwood. This half-termly newsletter has been created to keep parents and carers up to date with key safeguarding information and wellbeing initiatives taking place in school.

In this first edition, we are pleased to introduce you to the Safeguarding Team here at Walkwood. Our priority is to ensure that every child feels safe, supported, and able to thrive both in and out of the classroom.

We would also like to reassure parents that our recent INSET days were dedicated to equipping all staff with up-to-date safeguarding knowledge and training. This included the latest updates from the Keeping Children Safe in Education statutory guidance, as well as important medical training to ensure we are ready to meet the needs of all our pupils.

We look forward to working together with you to support the safety, wellbeing, and success of every child at Walkwood.



MEET THE SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Safeguarding at Walkwood

These are the people in school who are responsible for ensuring your safety.



Mrs Lowe
Headteacher
Deputy DSL



Mrs McKenna
Pastoral Coordinator
DSL



Mr West
Assistant
Headteacher
Deputy DSL

If you ever have a concern or worry, remember you can speak to any member of staff, including your Teachers, Pastoral Managers, Heads of Year, or Teaching Assistants. Everyone is here to support you and ensure your safety, and all staff members are trained in safeguarding.

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS FOR SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS:

WALKWOOD OFFICE: 01527 543361
**ASK FOR A MEMBER OF THE
SAFEGUARDING TEAM.**

FAMILY FRONT DOOR: 01905 822666
**FAMILY FRONT DOOR (OUT OF HOURS):
01905 768020**

**IF YOUR CONCERN IS URGENT PLEASE
CALL 999.**

Our Offer of Support to Pupils and Their Families 2025-2026
At Walkwood, we are committed to providing comprehensive support to both pupils and their families. Our promise is to ensure that you can access the appropriate resources and assistance precisely when you need it. Whether it's academic guidance, emotional support, or family assistance, we are here to help. We encourage you to explore the range of support services available through our dedicated platform. Please visit our Padlet for detailed information on how Walkwood can support your family during the 2025-2026 academic year.

For more information, visit:



<https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/PastoralSupport>

THE PASTORAL TEAM- 2025-2026

Your Pastoral Team



Mrs Jordan

Year 5 Pastoral Manager



Miss Lloyd

Year 6 Pastoral Manager



Mrs Hands

Year 7 Pastoral Manager



Mrs Brotherhood

Year 8 Pastoral Manager



Mrs McKenna

Pastoral Coordinator



Mrs Grant

Head of Year 5



Mr Cockram

Head of Year 6



Mr Macdonald

Head of Year 7

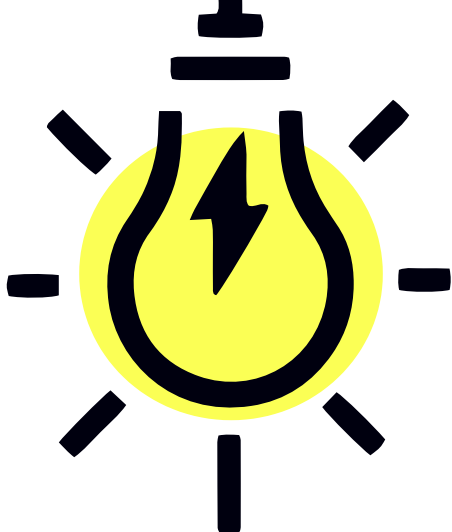


Mr Hunt

Head of Year 8

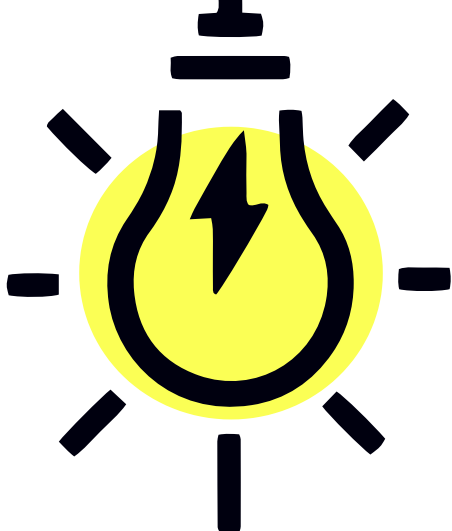
BACK TO SCHOOL





You said... we did!

We wanted to take a moment to thank you for your valuable feedback regarding the busy corridors and the concerns about pupils feeling overwhelmed. We are pleased to inform you that, in response, we have implemented a one-way system in the main block of our school. This change has been embraced positively by the students, and they have adapted remarkably well since returning to school. We believe this adjustment will enhance the overall school environment and help alleviate some of the stress associated with moving between classes. As always, we are committed to providing a supportive and safe learning environment for all our students.



We want to express our gratitude for your valuable feedback regarding the toilets in the main block at the end of the last academic year. We have taken your concerns seriously and are pleased to inform you of the improvements we've made. Our dedicated cleaning team has performed the scheduled thorough deep clean to ensure the highest standards of hygiene. Additionally, necessary repairs have been completed, and we've installed new soap dispensers and toilet roll holders for added convenience. To create a more welcoming environment, we've also included a few homely touches. Importantly, we are now providing free sanitary products in the girls' toilets, alleviating the need for students to visit first aid for these essentials. Your children's comfort and well-being are our top priorities, and we are committed to maintaining these enhanced facilities.



Let's Beat the Congestion Together!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Walking to school is one of the simplest ways to keep children healthy, reduce traffic outside the gates, and make our community safer. Here's how you can help:

✓ What You Can Do

🚗 Park & Stride

If you need to drive, park a short distance away (5–10 minutes) and walk the rest. This keeps the school entrance clear and safer for children.

👨👩 Share the Journey

Arrange to walk with a neighbour or friend. It makes the walk more fun and means fewer cars on the road.

🕒 Leave a Little Earlier

Set off 10 minutes sooner to avoid rushing. Preparing bags, uniforms, and lunches the night before helps mornings run smoothly.

🌍 Think Green

Walking or cycling instead of driving even a few times a week cuts pollution and helps the environment. Children love to see how their small actions make a big difference!

🚦 Park Safely

Never stop on yellow zig-zags, double yellow lines, or across driveways. This blocks visibility and puts children at risk.

💬 Encourage Your Child

Celebrate their effort — a simple “Well done for walking today!” goes a long way.

👮 Working with Our Community

We are in communication with our local policing team about concerns around congestion and unsafe parking near school. Please help us by making safe, considerate choices at drop-off and pick-up times.

☀️ Benefits for Families

Healthier children and parents

Less stress at drop-off and pick-up

Safer streets around school

Cleaner air for everyone

Together we can create a calmer, safer, and healthier school run.

Anti Bullying Ambassadors 2025-2026

At Walkwood, we are proud to introduce our dedicated team of Anti-bullying Ambassadors, who received training as part of the prestigious Diana Award initiative last year. These ambassadors are passionate individuals committed to fostering a safe and supportive environment for all students. They play a crucial role in promoting kindness and respect within our school community, and their efforts have already sparked significant interest among pupils eager to join this impactful scheme.

The purpose of our Anti-bullying Ambassadors is to empower students to stand against bullying and to support those who may be affected by unkind behavior. They work diligently to create an inclusive atmosphere where everyone feels valued and heard. As they prepare to recruit new members, we're excited to see even more students getting involved in this important cause.

It's essential to remember that combating bullying is a collective responsibility. We all have a duty to report unkind behavior and support each other in creating a positive school culture. By standing together, we can ensure that Walkwood is a place where every student can thrive without fear of bullying. Let's continue to encourage kindness, empathy, and understanding in all our interactions.



The next edition of the Walkwood Wellbeing Newsletter will be arriving before the October half-term break! This special edition is set to include some spooky safeguarding tips to help ensure a safe and enjoyable Halloween season.