



Aston Fields Middle School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Safeguarding and Supporting Families Summer 2026 newsletter

As we approach the end of term, we wanted to inform you of the arrangements for safeguarding during the summer weeks and share some opportunities and support that is available to you and your family during the Summer holiday period.

Safeguarding Concerns

While we are on the summer break, we want to assure you that there is still support available if you are concerned about the welfare or safety of any child or you need some support yourself. During this time, there is an email address that you can contact us through to share any concern. This will be monitored by a small number of key staff from the Safeguarding Team, once every 2-3 days during the holiday period. We will endeavour to do our best to support you further.

You can make contact by emailing safeandwell@astonfields.worcs.sch.uk if you need to seek some advice.

If you have concerns that need addressing immediately, please contact through these channels:

- **Family Front Door** : 01905 822666 (core working hours) 01905 768020 (Out of hours or at weekends)
- To submit an online referral to **Children's Social Care** visit [Refer to Children's Social Care | Worcestershire County Council](#)
- **Police** - Call 999 in an emergency, e.g. when a crime is in progress, when there is danger to life or when violence is being used or threatened. For less urgent issues call local police on 101.

AI and child abuse imagery

There has been a lot of discussion in the news and other media about the use of AI and the dangers it can present to our young people due to the growing threat of how children's images shared online can be manipulated into AI-generated sexual abuse material. The Internet Watch Foundation and the National Crime Agency have launched a new campaign to support parents and carers to make informed decisions about imagery of their children. There are steps we can all take to protect them online and there is a lot of information and advice in this link. It helps us to be more aware of the risks, gives practical steps to protect our children's photos and helps us find ways to have open conversations with young people about consent and how to report any concerns.

[AI Child Abuse Guide for Parents & Carers](#)



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Supporting Families and Summer Events

There is a wide range of events and support available throughout the summer for children and families. Below you will find many links and leaflets about what is available.

Cost of Living Support

Many of you will be aware that there have been recent changes by the Government, which means that the provision of vouchers to support families who received free school meals during the holidays has now stopped. There is support available through the Crisis and Resilience Fund. Worcestershire County Council have asked us to share the attached letter, providing a link to find out more about this and also a Cost of Living support newsletter, with many links to support such as HAF, Act on Energy and Foodbanks. Please see the information that are in these attached documents.

BDHT Family Fun Days

BDHT are organising 3 free events in Bromsgrove for everyone to attend. There is no booking or cost involved and are providing entertainment, crafts, games and a chance to meet others. More information can be found on the attached image. They take place on 31st July, 14th August and 28th August from 12pm -3pm.

Great British Summer Savings

The Government recently announced it was cutting the amount of VAT on family days out, including the cinema, entry to attractions and meals out. This also includes free bus travel for children aged 15 and under during August. The website below has more details of where you can use these offers.

[Find your family's summer offer — Summer Savings](#)

Sanders Park free events

Throughout August there are a range of free activities including skating and BMX hire, a natural history travelling museum, a viking event, freestyle football and dance workshops at Sanders Park. More information can be found at the website address in this link.

[Fun-Filled Summer in Sanders Park](#)

Healthy and Happy Summer 2026 for Parents, Carers and Teenagers

Worcestershire County Council have produced a booklet with lots of helpful advice and links to support our parents/carers and teenagers to have a happy and healthy holiday period. It contains guidance on being active, sun and water safety, socialising, online safety, sleep and much more. Please see the attached booklets for more information or access through the website below.

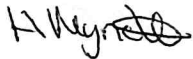
[Healthy and Happy Summer Guides](#)

Family Hubs

The Family Hubs are available for you to connect with community groups, local support and activities. The Pear Tree Family Hub in Bromsgrove offers a range of services which will be able to support families in a variety of ways including parenting support, parent groups, food parcels or budget advice. Please see the leaflet attached to this for further information.

We hope these opportunities will be helpful to you but please also share with other friends and family if you feel it would be of interest to them. Can we take this opportunity to wish you a safe and relaxed summer holiday period and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H Mynott', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs H Mynott
Assistant Headteacher/Designated Safeguarding Lead