

Safeguarding Update Statement – June 2024

The Forum Centre currently has:

3 students on Child Protection Plans

4 students on Child in Need Plans

19 students with Early Help Workers

On 07.06.24 we had a meeting with the Local Authority Safer Schools Adviser, Jack Corrigan, during which we discussed the Pathfinder new structure, arrangements to be made for The Orchard and how to obtain advice and guidance from external partners.

We continue to attend the three area YAR meetings – north, east and Purbeck, and we also participated in the second Peer Mapping event in Sturminster Newton with social care, the Targeted Youth Service and the police on 13.06.24. This was a very useful meeting providing contextual safeguarding discussions and updates as well as locations of concern.

On 12.06.24 SG completed Managing Allegations training again. This was really interesting and provided extensive guidance on addressing this type of concern. JF has attended her initial L3 DSL training and JR and JC have dates to do so. JS, JFa and VR have completed their L3 update training.

We have booked Vanessa Ball, Independent Safeguarding Trainer, for whole school L2 update training on 17.09.24 when Orchard staff will join the team in Blandford, and also Prevent training on 15.10.24 to which Orchard staff will be invited to join on Teams.

Our Safer Schools and Communities police officer, Albert Pepper, will continue his monthly visits to provide training and education to our students, as well as 1:1 intervention as required. We also welcome the Targeted Youth Workers, Family help keyworkers, and social workers into school to meet with their allocated young people.

Safeguarding remains the priority with our young people and we welcome being able to help them with their challenges. They are made aware of who they can talk to in school when they have a need, often a trusted person chosen by themselves. The DSLs will continue to liaise with home and multi-agency partners as appropriate, and parents/carers are encouraged to phone in to school to express their own concerns about their children.

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