



**GEORGE  
PINDAR  
SCHOOL**

## SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2022

At George Pindar School we are continually working to support students in feeling safe and well at school and to enable them to flourish both within and outside of school.

Within school, Mr Murray and Miss Pickles lead the safeguarding and pastoral support alongside the Heads of Year and Form Tutors to offer guidance when needed to all of our students and their parents/carers where appropriate.

We have developed our relationships with the various external agencies to provide additional guidance and support – including the Sidewalk Youth Project, NY Youth Mentoring, NHS North Yorkshire, North Yorkshire Police, Compass Phoenix, Early Help and CAMHS to name but a few services we work with.



As we head into (hopefully) warmer weather, it is important to be aware of the dangers of water.

Each year around 400 people drown in the UK, a large proportion of these are younger people and teenagers.

The Royal Life Saving Society UK have prepared a video outlining how drowning can be prevented:

[Drowning - Don't let it be you](#)

This message is especially important considering the number of beaches, lakes and ponds in the area.

Students will be shown this video in school and we encourage parents/carers to discuss these dangers with their children.



**Tik Tok**

Unfortunately, it has come to the school's attention that a number of students using Tik Tok are putting themselves at unnecessary risk online – posting videos of themselves, sometimes under inappropriate topics, whilst wearing the school uniform.

It goes without saying that this behaviour can attract negative attention to the individuals involved- it wouldn't take much time for a stranger to work out where George Pindar School is.

We urge students to keep themselves safe online:

- Only post material that is **suitable** (think 'would I be happy showing my Gran this?').
- **Never** give out personal details.
- Consider **who** are you are talking to?
- Keep your device and social media **secure**.
- **Never** share passwords, not even with friends

Need to talk to somebody about something serious or a worry outside of school hours?

Text the George Pindar School Safeguarding Mobile Phone on **07895 132530**

**"Strength doesn't come from what you can do. It comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn't."**



Developed for both professional and public audiences, the online programme of seminars offers a packed schedule of over 50 sessions across the week, which will each be delivered by inspirational and motivational speakers, all of whom are experts in their field.

The programme of events will be delivered virtually allowing attendees to fit the sessions into their working day or evening activities.

Some of the sessions are only open to safeguarding professionals due to the sensitivity of the content. The professional sessions have been designed to stimulate discussion, share best practice, spark innovation and support continuing professional development.

The sessions designed for the public will raise awareness of key issues and provide insight into how every member of the public can safeguard themselves, their families and support the wider community.

For full details of the programme, click on the link below:

[Safeguarding Week 2022 Programme](#)

### Inappropriate Social Language

*It has become apparent that a minority of students are frequently using inappropriate language towards one another – especially during social times and between lessons. The school has a zero-tolerance approach towards racist, homophobic and offensive language directed at another person. Students will receive immediate 'V' codes for such behaviour and receive detentions for persistent use of derogatory language. Some of the language being used by individuals is not only offensive – it could be breaking the law.*



### **Philosophy & Ethics Summer Term Topics:**

#### **YEAR 7**

Importance of PINDAR values

#### **YEAR 8**

Importance of PINDAR values

#### **YEAR 9**

Importance of PINDAR values

#### **YEAR 10**

Importance of PINDAR values

#### **YEAR 11**

Revision &  
External Exams

**NEVER**  
**“IT’S JUST  
A JOKE”**

**Peer-on-peer abuse is not acceptable.  
Think about the PINDAR values –  
Be Neighbourly & Respectful**

**We will never accept peer-on-peer abuse at any time:**

- **bullying**
- **physical abuse such as hitting, kicking etc.**
- **abuse in a relationship between students**
- **sexual harassment or violence**
- **sexting or sharing of nude and semi-nude images**
- **upskirting**

**You must report it.  
If you notice it happening to someone else,  
report it!**

### **Key Safeguarding Contacts at GPS:**

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