

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the **Christmas Safeguarding Newsletter**. Safeguarding the children within our school continues to be at the top of our agenda and is at the **core** of the work we do.

Working with parents and our **local community** is key to ensuring your children are kept safe. We hope this **newsletter** continues to provide you with up to date and **relevant information** where you can **find further support** including: food bank, bereavement, counselling services, housing, benefits and lots more.

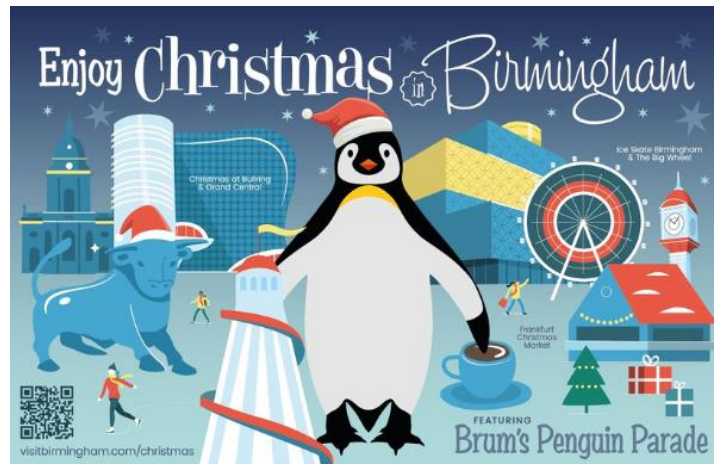
Winter Water Safety:

Following the tragic incident at Babbs Mill Lake, Solihull, **do not go onto ice water**, even if it looks safe as it can weaken **very easily**. If you see anyone in trouble, please call **999** immediately: [Winter Water Safety - WMFS](#)

[Winter Water Safety | Royal Life Saving Society UK](#)

Free Christmas events around Birmingham and the West Midlands:

Let's Go
with the children



If you should need any support over the Christmas holiday, there is support:

- [Children's services](#) : Emergency safeguarding team for when you are concerned about a child. **0121 303 1888** Emergency out-of-hours: **0121 675 4806**
- Next four weeks - [winter fund](#) open
- [COST OF LIVING PAYMENT WELFARE RIGHTS TEAM](#) - If eligible, you will have received **an extra payment** to help with the cost of living if you're entitled to certain benefits or tax credits
- [Early help support](#): Katherine Hewitt **0121 4567821**
- [Birmingham and Solihull Health & Wellbeing services](#): For all support services available at your fingertips in the local authority
- [Bharosa](#) is a domestic abuse service for women living in Birmingham. The service is confidential for women. **0121 303 0368**
- [Change Grow Live](#) is a free and confidential drug and alcohol service for adults, families and affected others. **0121 227 5890**
- [Women's Aid](#) confidential chat: helpline@womensaid.org.uk **0808 800 0028**
- [Food bank](#) Jonny at Gate Church E. R. Mason Youth Centre, 40 Irving St, Birmingham B1 1DH
- [Incredible Surplus food project](#): food centres open in different areas of the city and drop offs available
- If you have no [housing](#) for the night, then you will need to visit the Housing Options Centre in Newtown: **0121 675 5779**
- [Forward Thinking Birmingham](#) Crisis team: **0300 300 0099** Online support at: [Storm break](#)
- Help in a short term crisis: [Birmingham's Local Welfare Provision](#) (LWP) scheme helps vulnerable people in short-term crisis with food and essential items.
- If urgent support is needed from school, call **Oasis Community Learning** on: **020 7921 4200** (then press option 3 then option 1) this is a central phone number for Oasis Academies