

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that all students have settled into school well now and that they are enjoying their learning at SMRT.

As a safeguarding team, we will continue to send out weekly '**Wake up Wednesday**' bulletins that offer safeguarding support and guidance for parents and carers. The information highlights current national trends or issues that may be relevant to all schools in the UK. In addition to this, we will be informing you of any localised or contextual safeguarding issues that may arise during the course of the year.

This week, I have attached two key pieces of information: 1. [How to support students as they return to secondary school](#) and 2. [How to help students manage relationships and resolve conflict](#).

As students come to secondary school, they are often given more freedom online, please be vigilant about any online groups they may have joined and who they may be communicating with. Social Media is often the root cause of disputes that may come into school. There will be more information given about keeping students safe online, during the course of the year.

If students do have any concerns in school, they should use the channels to report explained on our website here:

<https://www.smrt.bristol.sch.uk/students/keeping-students-safe>

And if you want to report any safeguarding concerns as a parent/carer, including online issues, please call the main school line or email us at: safeguarding@smrt.bristol.sch.uk or alternately, please use enquiries@smrt.bristol.sch.uk

Following this communication, we will be sending out a short letter that explains our response to the Far-Right riots that have recently impacted on the city and our local community. Please read this so that you are aware of how students are being supported and what information they will be given.

Many thanks and take care

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