

ICS Safeguarding Newsletter 16

Wellbeing, routine, and a positive start to the term

Welcome back to a new term at ICS. We hope you and your families had a restful winter break and that the start of 2026 has been positive for you all. It has been lovely to see students returning to school, reconnecting with friends, and settling back into familiar routines over the past few days.

As always after a holiday, we recognise that returning to school can take a little adjustment. Staff have been supporting students gently as they re-establish routines, expectations, and learning habits, and it has been encouraging to see how quickly the students have settled back into school life. Clear structure, predictable routines, and positive relationships play an important role in helping them feel safe, confident, and ready to learn.

We are also delighted to welcome a number of new families who have joined the ICS community this term. Starting a new school — particularly in a new country — can feel both exciting and overwhelming. Please be assured that we place a strong emphasis on inclusion, wellbeing, and safeguarding, and our staff are here to support both students and families as they settle in. If you are new to ICS, we encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher/ form tutor, Head of Phase, or a member of the support team if you have any questions or concerns.

As the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead, I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that safeguarding and student wellbeing remain a priority at ICS. All staff are trained to recognise and respond to concerns, and students are regularly reminded of who they can talk to if they feel worried or need support. We also work closely with families to ensure that any concerns are addressed promptly and appropriately.

Your partnership is vital in helping us keep children safe and supported. If there is anything that may affect your child's wellbeing — whether related to friendships, routines, emotional health, or changes at home — please do let us know. Early communication allows us to work together in the best interests of your child.

Thank you, as always, for your continued trust and support. We look forward to a positive and productive term ahead, as we continue to help every child at ICS feel safe, supported, and ready to thrive.

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