



# Washwood Heath Multi Academy Trust

Dear Parents/ Carers

As you know WHMAT takes the safety and well-being of your children very seriously. We endeavour to support all pupils and families to the best of our ability, through times of difficulty or upheaval at home.

On occasion, some children have been known to go missing from home for short periods of time. If this does occur, please ensure that you inform your child's school at the earliest opportunity. WHMAT also advises that you should contact the Police to report your child as missing, once you have contacted all the people you think your child may be with.

Experience tells us that the vast majority of children return home within a few hours, often at the end of the same school day. When this is not the case, the Designated Safeguarding Lead will remain in contact with you, usually via phone.

WHMAT respectfully requests that in the event of your child returning home, you should inform the school, or Designated Safeguarding Lead liaising with you out of normal school hours, without delay. This is to ensure that all parties, including WHMAT safeguarding staff, are not caused any unnecessary or avoidable additional concern.

If you have any concerns about your children please remember to talk to your child's school at the earliest opportunity, to allow WHMAT staff to support both you and your child appropriately.

Yours sincerely

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