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Our Ref: RXL/kmd/saferschools

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Safer Schools Accreditation

In 2024 Oldbury Wells School was accredited a Safer School. This is a school security, safety and safeguarding initiative created by West Mercia Police. It is supported by both Trusted Schools and Empower Multi Academy Trust and promoted by Shropshire Council. It includes the following.

- 1. Forming a Safer School group representing the school.
- 2. Implementing basic security measures applicable at all schools i.e. property marking and visitor passes.
- 3. A proportional pro-active approach to the security/safety/safeguarding of staff, students, visitors, premises, property and assets.
- 4. Establishing a procedure for surveying perceived issues i.e. an unauthorised thoroughfare or, recording incidents i.e. trespass, anti-social behaviour, vandalism. Any recorded information is then analysed and appropriate measures implemented.
- 5. If there are any projects to be undertaken, they are prioritised. Following the implementation of a project, its success is monitored.
- 6. Curriculum from the school's PSHE programme.

To maintain the accreditation, we have held regular Safer School meetings since our accreditation, and we plan to hold a future meeting. Part of the Safer School process is gathering the views/concerns of parents/carers.

If you have views/concerns, including any positive observations, please could you forward them in writing by 18 November 2025 to school@oldburywells.com (quoting 'Safer Schools' in the header box) so they may be considered at the next Safer School meeting. Alternatively you can complete the Safer Schools Survey. The focus is the school grounds/site.

Thank you in anticipation of your help and support.

Yours faithfully

R Lawson

Assistant Headteacher



