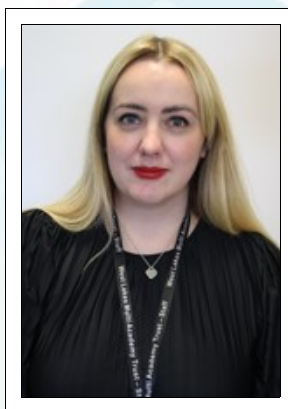


Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people is everyone's responsibility.

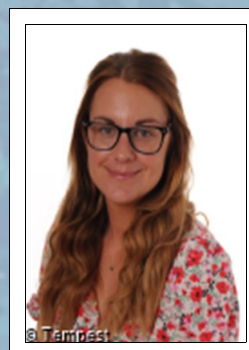
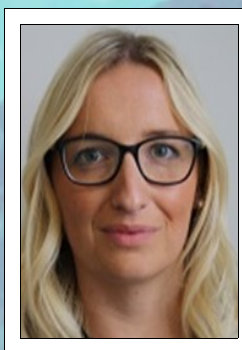
At West Lakes Academy we take this responsibility very seriously.

In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, we adopt an approach which is child-centered. This means that colleagues at West Lakes Academy consider, at all times, what is in your best interest.

** Covid 19—we are aware that the pandemic may have impacted different people differently. Please talk to our DSL about any worries or concerns you may have.*



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LEAFLET**
Because we care

The Safeguarding Team

The Safeguarding Team work within the academy to ensure that all of our students are safe, happy and thriving. There is a designated member of staff within each year group who is responsible for safeguarding concerns.

There will always be a member of staff available for you to talk to. Please remember that staff are not allowed to keep secrets.

Staff have a duty of care to make sure you are safe and this means they may need to share information with other agencies and organisations to make sure that you and your family get the best possible support.



Mrs H Wilson
Head of Year 7



Ms S Wightman
Head of Year 8



Miss E Lightfoot
Head of Year 9



Ms A Clements
Head of Year 10



Mrs K Orr
Pastoral Head of Sixth
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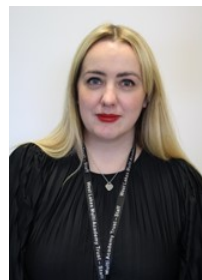
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First Aid Coordinator



Miss C Thurston
Head of Year 11



Mrs D Brown
Pastoral Head of Sixth
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Miss M Relph
Vice Principal

SPEAK TO US - WE'RE HERE TO LISTEN ■

Key Contacts:

In addition to your Head of Year

Miss M Relph

Talk to us

If you or another young person is experiencing any of the following, we advise that you talk to the safeguarding team or another trusted adult **ASAP**. We will do our very best to help and we will always listen. Your concerns will always be taken seriously and you will not be judged.

- Bullying. Including verbal, emotional, physical, sexual and online
- Difficulties or problems inside or outside of the academy
- Feeling low or sad
- Relationship issues or concerns
- If you have harmed yourself or have thought about harming yourself
- Anything that is making you feel frightened, uneasy, scared, upset or angry

Useful Links

Young Minds — www.youngminds.org.uk/
Telephone 08088025544

ChildLine — www.childline.org.uk/ Telephone 08001111

NSPCC — Whistleblowing Advice Line call: 0800 028 0285 or email: help@nspcc.org.uk

Support Line — www.supportline.org.uk

Kooth — www.kooth.com

Mind — www.mind.org.uk

Cumbria CSCP — www.cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk

Action for Children — www.actionforchildren.org.uk

Speak with staff, they can direct you to the right support.