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5th January 2025

Dear Parents Council members,

SUBJECT : UPCOMING SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS SESSION.

Greetings and good wishes from the Westminster School – Dubai!

I am pleased to invite you to an important upcoming Safeguarding Awareness Session.

Event : ***Safeguardian*** : Guardians of Safety–An introduction to safeguarding in today's world

Date : **Jan 10, 2025**

Time : **3.00 p.m.**

Location: **MS Teams (online)**

In today's rapidly changing world, safeguarding our children has never been more crucial. The challenges and risks they face are evolving, and it is essential that we, as a community, stay informed and proactive. *Safeguardian* is a safeguarding awareness programme for parents designed by colleagues in GEMS Education to provide valuable insights and practical strategies to help us protect children from harm and support their healthy development.

In attending the Guardians of Safety safeguarding awareness session, you will gain a deeper insight of:

- **The school's dedicated Safeguarding Team**: Meet the team and gain a deeper insight into the important work they do in safeguarding and child protection.
- **UAE Legislation**: Learn what children's rights look like in the UAE.
- **Safeguarding at GEMS Education**: Discuss what the policy says and where you can read it.
- **Safeguarding in the Home**: Consider the safeguarding considerations you make in the home and how you risk assess activities daily.
- **Current Safeguarding Challenges**: Receive an introduction to some really challenging topics, including Mental Health, Anxiety, Self-Harm and Suicide Ideation/Attempt, Digital Safety, Grooming and Physical Abuse.
- **Support Networks for Parents**: Discover practical ways to create a safer environment for your child both at home and in the community.

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By participating in ***Safeguardian*****,** you will be contributing to a safer, more supportive world, and demonstrating your commitment to children's rights. Our goal is to empower you with the knowledge and tools needed to be a proactive partner in safeguarding your child and the wider community.

Please RSVP by 10.00 a.m. on 9th January 2025. The link to join the training will be shared on 9th January 2025.

For any further clarifications, please email our Assistant Principal, Pastoral Care, Ms. Anju Mehta at anju.m_tws@gemsedu.com

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the welfare of children.

Kind regards,

Carl Roberts
Executive Principal / CEO