

Safeguarding Newsletter 1

Summer Term 2024



WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT A CHILD

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Deputies straightaway.

If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police on 999

The Safeguarding Team oversee and coordinate all aspects of the school's work to ensure that children are kept safe. They regularly attend training to ensure their skills and knowledge are up-to-date.

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs L Brazier

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Miss Cooper

Miss Harrison

School Safeguarding Governors:

Mr Stewart Morris

**All can be contacted via the
office or by telephone on:**

01653 693 675

Why have a safeguarding newsletter?

Safeguarding our pupils is our top priority here at Amotherby School. Welcome to the first issue of our half termly safeguarding newsletter. This will include key information and advice for parents so we can all work together with the same aim of keeping children safe at school, home and in the wider community.

What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding is the action you take to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. Every child has a right to protection from harm. All organisations that work with or come into contact with children should have safeguarding policies and procedures in place to help them keep children safe.

Keeping Children Safe in Education is a statutory Department for Education document that all schools are required to follow when carrying out their duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. It covers many aspects of safeguarding, including different forms of abuse, early help processes, safer-recruitment, how concerns must be reported and the role of the Designated Safeguarding Leads. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development
- Ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcome

Click here for the full document:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/64f0a68ea78c5f000dc6f3b2/Keeping_children_safe_in_education_2023.pdf

The SMART Rules

Amotherby Primary School encourages pupils to follow the SMART rules, which are recommended by Childline International and Childnet.

We encourage all adults with a responsibility for the care of young people to support these rules. You can learn about the SMART rules by accessing the resource below where you can also include a copy of the SMART rules poster.

<https://www.childnet.com/young-people/4-11-year-olds/get-smart/>

If you need further help on matters concerning your child's safety online, or are concerned about your child's use of information technology, then we are always willing to offer support. We look forward to working with you to keep your child safe and responsible in their use of information technology

Snapchat Parental Advice

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/snapchat-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>

TikTok Parental Advice

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/child-safe-settings-tiktok/>



We would like to remind you that the use of mobile phones is prohibited on school site. Therefore when dropping off or collecting your child, please ensure your mobile phone is away and not in use.

This is to ensure the safety of all of the children at Amotherby Primary school and is part of our safeguarding policy.

These rules apply to all people that come onto school site, including older siblings coming to collect, Amotherby staff members and other visitors.

If you need more support or guidance with online safety please contact a staff member or send us an email admin@amotherby.n-yorks.sch.uk



Please remember that the children are not allowed to wear SMART watches in school. A fitbit or similar gadget that counts steps only is fine, but any smart watches/device that is able to send/receive calls or messages or take photographs is treated the same as mobile phones and are not allowed to be used on site.