

Safeguarding Newsletter 2

Autumn 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

DSL Team



Mrs Brazier DSL



Deputy DSL



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We can be contacted via the office or by telephone on:

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Welcome to our second safeguarding newsletter and the first one of a brand-new academic year. In particular, welcome to our new families.

As we start the year, I would like to remind you all that at Amotherby Primary School, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and our top priority. Everyone who comes in to contact with the children and families who comprise our community has a role to play.

Everything that we do has the children at its centre. Their wellbeing, their safety, their achievement, their happiness underpins every decision we make.

Often when safeguarding is mentioned, the immediate thought is about child protection – when a child is suffering harm or is in danger of suffering harm. However, safeguarding is much more complex than this and encompasses a very wide range of areas. At Amotherby we ensure that all of our staff are well trained in all aspects of safeguarding and this training is regularly updated and frequently revisited throughout the year. We also ensure that our curriculum provides the children with age-appropriate opportunities to learn how to keep themselves healthy and safe.

With this in mind I will continue to send out a half-termly newsletter informing you of any recent safeguarding updates as well as providing you with key information around a range of safeguarding issues. This issue will summarise the DfE document 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' 2024 and also include some parental information and advice.

Mrs L Brazier

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Mr Johnathon Trowsdale is our newly appointed safeguarding governor. He will work closely with the school's leadership team to monitor compliance with safeguarding regulations, support staff training, and ensure that any concerns are addressed promptly and appropriately.





Parental Advice

We have had a few pupils bringing this toy into school as their dojo treat. Please read the information below regarding the content of the you tube clips associated with this character.

Jeffy is the main character of a popular YouTube puppet show watched by millions of people published by the channel **SuperMarioLogan**. At first glance, the puppets and other Muppet-like characters may seem child friendly, but in reality, the videos include a lot of profanity and trivialise some very serious issues such as suicide and learning disabilities. Here is everything you need to know about the YouTube star.

Why could Jeffy pose a risk to children?

In the last few years, there has been a boom in what is now classified as adult animation. A lot of these shows and videos have traits that could make you jump to the assumption that they are meant for children, such as goofy cartoon characters or talking animals, but are in reality produced for an 18+ audience. Jeffy videos fall under this category and children unknowingly scrolling through YouTube might click on them thinking the content is appropriate for their age group. The character Jeffy is supposed to be a teenager with some sort of unspecified learning disability. He is foul-mouthed and treats his father and the people around him very badly. This could set a negative example for your child if they try to mimic Jeffy's behaviour. The character also reinforces cruel and insensitive stereotypes surrounding children with disabilities, as he wears a nappy, bicycle helmet and has a pencil up his nose. Children with learning disabilities watching these videos could potentially be very hurt and they could have a negative impact on their self-esteem.

End of Day Routines

Just a few reminders so that we can ensure the collection of children is as calm and safe as possible. As you can appreciate, we have a large number of parents and children leaving school at the same time, so it is vital that this is done safely.

- KS1 children leave from the KS1 playground. EYFS are now collected from the outdoor area adjacent to the classroom. Please wait inside the EYFS fence and the children will be dismissed from their classroom door.
- Years 1 & 2 are collected from their class lines on the playground. Please make sure that if you are waiting for your child's class to come out then you are not blocking the entrance to the door. Please do not try to take your child before the class teacher has dismissed them from the line. It is very important that we see every child safely to their adult.
- KS2 pupils are dismissed from their lines on the KS2 playground.
- If there are any changes to the usual end of day collection routines, then please contact the office and let us know.

'Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024' 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 outcomes

Click here for the full document:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/66d7301b9084b18b95709f75/Keeping_children_safe_in_education_2024.pdf



Anti-Bullying Week 2024 will take place from Monday 11th - Friday 15th November. The theme is Choose Respect. Anti-Bullying Week is an annual event that aims to raise awareness of bullying of young people, with an emphasis on prevention and effective responses to bullying. It began in 2002 and is coordinated by the charity **Anti-Bullying Alliance**. We will take part in the national 'odd socks' day on **Tuesday 12th November** to raise money for the Anti Bullying Alliance. £1 donations will be gratefully received. All the money we raise will go towards this vital service.

Thank you for taking the time to read our safeguarding newsletter. If you ever have any concerns about your child's safety or well-being, please don't hesitate to contact the school directly. We're here to support you and ensure that every child remains safe and protected at all times.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Brazier

Headteacher