

# Safeguarding Newsletter 7

## Spring Term 2026



At Amotherby School, the safety and wellbeing of every child is our highest priority. Safeguarding is embedded in everything we do, from our curriculum and assemblies to our procedures for visitors in school. This newsletter provides an update on some of the ways we continue to promote safeguarding and keep our school community safe.

### Safer Internet Day

Earlier this term we took part in **Safer Internet Day**, which provided an opportunity for children to learn more about staying safe online.

This year, one of our key discussion points was **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** and how it can sometimes be used to create images, videos or information that may not always be accurate or trustworthy. The children explored how to think critically about what they see online, why it is important to check information and how to speak to an adult if something online feels confusing or concerning.

Online safety is something we discuss regularly in school, and we encourage families to continue these conversations at home.



### Our Safeguarding Team



Mrs Wade - Headteacher & DSL



Miss Cooper - AHT & Deputy DSL



Miss Harrison - Deputy DSL



Miss Douthwaite - Deputy DSL

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and expects all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.



Mr Trowsdale - Safeguarding Governor



## Keeping Our School Secure – Visitors to School

Keeping our school secure is an important part of safeguarding. All visitors to Amotherby School are required to follow our strict signing-in procedures to ensure the safety of pupils and staff.

When visitors arrive at school, they are asked to:

- ✓ **Report to the school office and sign in on the electronic system**
- ✓ **Show identification where appropriate**
- ✓ **Wear a coloured visitor lanyard at all times while on site**
- ✓ **Receive safeguarding information before entering the school**

Visitors are also asked to wait in the designated holding area until the member of staff they are visiting comes to collect them. At the end of their visit, they must return to the office, sign out and hand back their lanyard before leaving the building.

These procedures help ensure that all adults on site are known to staff and can be easily identified, which is an important part of keeping children safe.

### A Gentle Reminder About On-Site Expectations

To help us maintain a safe and respectful environment for all children, staff and visitors, we would like to remind parents and carers of a few on-site expectations when visiting the school grounds.

For safeguarding reasons, mobile phones should not be used while on the school site. If you do need to take a call or use your phone, we kindly ask that you step off the school premises. Staff may politely remind visitors of this expectation if they see phones being used.

We would also like to remind families that dogs are not permitted on the school site, unless they are registered assistance dogs.

Finally, Amotherby School is a no smoking and no vaping site, including the playground and surrounding school grounds.



## Supporting Your Child to Stay Safe Online

As part of our safeguarding curriculum, we regularly teach children about **online safety** in school. However, we know that children's use of technology continues at home, so working together with families is key.

If you would like further guidance on supporting your child to stay safe online, the following websites provide helpful advice for parents:

- **NSPCC – Online Safety:** <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- **Thinkuknow (CEOP):** <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>
- **UK Safer Internet Centre:** <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>
- **Internet Matters:** <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

These sites offer practical advice on topics such as setting parental controls, managing screen time, understanding apps and games, and talking to children about online risks.

If you ever have concerns about your child's online activity, please remember that communication is key—encourage your child to talk to you or a trusted adult if something online makes them feel worried or uncomfortable.



Yours Sincerely

Mrs Wade