

Safeguarding Newsletter 8

Autumn Term 2026



Welcome to our latest safeguarding newsletter. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and there are some simple things that we can all do to help keep children safe both in and around school and when they are using technology 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

September Digital Check-Up

- ✓ Check the age ratings of the apps and games your child is using.
- ✓ Check who can contact your child.
- ✓ Review privacy settings.
- ✓ Check whether chat or voice communication is enabled.
- ✓ Check whether your child can make purchases.
- ✓ Look at screen-time settings.
- ✓ Delete apps your child no longer uses.
- ✓ Ask your child to show you their favourite games and explain how they work.

Think before you share

We are increasingly hearing about the ways in which images can be copied, altered and shared online. Please think carefully about the photographs and videos of children that are posted publicly. Encourage children to understand that once an image is shared online, it can be difficult to control where it goes.

If you are worried about the safety or wellbeing of a child, please tell us. You can speak to Mrs Wade, Miss Cooper or a member of staff. You do not need to be certain that something is wrong before sharing a concern.

Keeping Children Safe at the Start of the School Day

We have recently noticed some adults using mobile phones whilst driving into Meadowfields at drop-off time.

This is particularly concerning because children are crossing the road and moving between cars as they make their way into school.

Meadowfields is a small, busy cul-de-sac, and at the beginning and end of the school day there can be a lot of movement of cars and pedestrians. We therefore ask everyone to take extra care.

Please remember:

- ***Do not use your mobile phone whilst driving, including when moving slowly or queuing.***
- ***Please drive very slowly and cautiously around the school entrance.***
- ***Be particularly vigilant for children who may step out between parked cars.***
- ***Please encourage your child to use the safest available route into school.***
- ***Please do not stop or park where this obstructs children's visibility or creates a hazard.***
- ***Allow a little extra time so that you are not rushing.***

Mobile Phones on the School Site

To support safeguarding, privacy and our mobile phone-free school environment, **mobile phones must not be used on the school site by pupils, parents or visitors.**

Please ensure phones are put away before entering the school grounds. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please contact the school office.

All staff will follow the school's Mobile Phone Policy and will politely remind any adult seen using a mobile phone on the school site of this expectation.

Thank you for helping us to keep our school a safe and focused environment for all children



Allergy Safety at Amotherby

The safety of our pupils with allergies is extremely important to us. In line with the new Department for Education statutory guidance on allergy safety, we now hold four emergency adrenaline auto-injectors (EpiPens) in school: two 150 microgram pens for children aged 6 and under and two 300 microgram pens for children aged over 6. These are available for emergency use in line with our allergy safety procedures.

To help reduce the risk of allergic reactions, Amotherby School is a nut-aware environment, and no nut products should be brought into school. This includes packed lunches, snacks and food brought in for celebrations. Please check ingredients carefully, particularly on products carrying allergen warnings. If you are ever unsure whether something is suitable, please ask the school before sending it in. **For this reason, and in line with our updated allergy safety procedures, please do not send birthday sweets, cakes or other treats into school for your child to share. We will not be able to distribute these to pupils.**

We know that sharing birthday treats is a lovely thing to do, but the safety of all our children must come first. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us keep everyone safe. If you are ever unsure whether something is suitable to include in a packed lunch, please ask us first.

Break time snacks must be fresh fruit.

Thank you for helping us keep all of our pupils safe.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and we are grateful for the continued support of our families in helping us keep our children safe, happy and well. Many of the things we do each day may seem small, but together they make a real difference. Please continue to talk to us if you have a concern, however small it may seem — you can always speak to me, Mrs Cooper or a member of the school team.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Wade