

Safeguarding- Everyone's Responsibility, every day

Parent and Carers Newsletter

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Welcome to the first addition of our Safeguarding Newsletter from the Greasbrough Primary School Safeguarding Team. We aim to bring you all the latest, relevant help and advice on issues we feel will be of importance to you.

Dear Parents/Carers

Safeguarding our pupils is of the utmost importance here at Greasbrough Primary and all staff are committed to safeguarding all members of our school community. We have a comprehensive safeguarding curriculum which teaches our children how to stay safe in different situations and what to do if they are worried or concerned.

We also work closely with other agencies and support our families through difficult times. We are here to support everyone.

Meet the Team

If you have any concerns regarding a child's welfare or safety, please speak to a member of the schools safeguarding team.



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If you are concerned that a child is in immediate danger please dial 999 and ask for the Police.

Spotlight on: What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

Safeguarding means:

- Protecting children from abuse and maltreatment
- Preventing harm to children's health or development
- Ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcomes.

Child protection is one part of the safeguarding process. It focuses on protecting individual children identified as suffering or likely to suffer from significant harm. Safeguarding children and child protection applies to all children up to the age of 18.





Keeping your child safe means:

- The health and safety of all children.
- Making sure that all adults who work here have undergone relevant checks.
- Protecting children from deliberate harm.
- Being an 'anti-bullying' school.
- Being proactive against racist or homophobic behaviour.
- Protecting children from harassment and discrimination.
- Having a positive approach to behaviour management - Restorative Practice.
- Meeting the needs of children with medical conditions.
- Meeting the needs of children with Special Educational Needs.
- Providing first aid.
- Protecting children from drug and substance abuse.
- Providing safe, educational visits.
- Caring for children's personal needs.
- Keeping children safe when using the internet.
- Making sure school is safe and secure.
- Being a 'listening school' to worries and concerns,

All staff have regular safeguarding training updates.

Our key documents in line with current updates can be found below and on the school website:

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023:

[Keeping children safe in education 2023 - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/101333/Keeping-children-safe-in-education-2023.pdf)

Willow Tree Academy Safeguarding Policy 2023

<https://greasbroughschool.files.wordpress.com/2023/09/gps-safeguarding-policy-sept-2023.pdf>

Online Safety

With the majority of young people having received devices for Christmas, they will be spending more time online doing their school work, playing games or socialising. Technology is hugely valuable for education, as well as a way to keep in touch with friends and family. However it's important we all consider how we can help keep young people safer online. Here's some information about what your child may enjoy online and what you can do to help keep them safer:

National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

12 Social Media Online Safety Tips FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

With Christmas only a few weeks away, many of you will be using social media to share your excitement with friends and family. Being active on social media is a great way to show others how much fun you're having, but it's important that you know how to use these apps safely and securely so that bad things don't happen. By following our safety tips below, you can make sure that your personal information stays private, your postings are positive and that your social media use overall is responsible, healthy and most of all enjoyable.

- 1 DON'T ACCEPT FRIEND REQUESTS FROM STRANGERS**
Make sure that you set your profile to private so that people you don't know can't find you online. Always tell a trusted adult if a stranger or somebody you don't know sends you a message or a friend request.
- 2 NEVER SHARE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW**
Keep your personal information personal. Sometimes people online aren't always who they say they are and might ask you to share things that you don't feel comfortable sharing.
- 3 DON'T SHARE EMBARRASSING PHOTOS OR VIDEOS OF OTHERS ONLINE**
This could really upset them and could get you into a lot of trouble. Always think twice before posting anything on social media and treat people online as you would in real life.
- 4 NEVER SEND NAKED PICTURES OF YOURSELF TO OTHERS**
This is illegal if you are under 18 and you could get into trouble with the Police. If you are being pressured by someone, always say no and tell a trusted adult. Even if you think it is innocent fun, the photo could be shared with other people and you won't be able to control who else sees it.
- 5 CREATE A POSITIVE ONLINE REPUTATION**
Always be kind and polite when posting comments on social media and only upload pictures and videos of things you are proud of. This forms part of your digital footprint. Everything you do online can be tracked and monitored and could affect what people think of you in real life if it is negative.
- 6 LIMIT YOUR SCREEN TIME**
Social media can be addictive, and it is easy to keep checking newsfeeds or your notifications every 5 minutes which can affect your behaviour and stop you from doing other things. Remember to only use your phone at certain times of the day, turn notifications off at bedtime and go out and have as fun as much as possible. This will keep you fit and healthy and make you appreciate there's more to life than just what's on social media.
- 7 BLOCK ONLINE BULLIES**
Sometimes people might say nasty things to you online or post offensive comments on your pictures or videos. If this happens, always tell a trusted adult who will help you block them from your profile and support you in taking further action.
- 8 REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**
If you see something on social media that you don't like, offends you or upsets you, you should always report it to a trusted adult. You should also report it to the social media app who will be able to remove the content if it is against their user policy and can block the person who posted it.
- 9 ONLY USE APPS WHICH YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO USE**
Before downloading any new social media app, always check the age-rating. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain content that isn't safe for you to see.
- 10 ALWAYS SECURE ALL YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA PROFILES WITH A PASSWORD**
This will help to keep your private information safe and won't allow others to access your profiles without your permission. Make sure your passwords are memorable and personal to you but something which other people can't guess, and always share them with your parents just in case you forget them.
- 11 ASK PARENTS TO SET-UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS' FOR SOCIAL MEDIA**
When you download a social media app, you should always ask a trusted adult to help you set it up for the first time. This will help you control who sees what you post, who can contact you and make sure you are able to enjoy using the app safely and securely.
- 12 ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR TRUSTED ADULT IF SOCIAL MEDIA IS MAKING YOU UNHAPPY**
Sometimes, social media can make us feel bad about ourselves or sad that we aren't the same as someone else or doing the same things as someone else. Remember, if you ever feel this way, it's really important to talk to your trusted adult(s) like your parents, carers, other adult family members or a teacher, all of whom will be able to support you and discuss your feelings with you to help make you feel better.

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