

Kidgate Academy

Safeguarding Update

Term 1: 2025/26

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 any of the Designated Safeguarding Leads straight away.

The following members of staff are Designated Safeguarding Leads for Kidgate Primary School:

- Mrs Cook(DSL)
- Mrs Greenfield
- Mrs Cheffings

They can be contacted via the school office, or by telephone on 01507 308620.

For a copy of our school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and Procedures please visit the 'Policies' page on our [school website](#)

Dear Parents and Carers

At Kidgate Academy, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children is everyone's responsibility and remains our top priority. Every member of our community plays an important role in ensuring our pupils are safe, happy, and thriving.

Safeguarding goes far beyond child protection. It includes children's wellbeing, safety, attendance, and personal development, helping them to build the knowledge and confidence to stay safe both in and out of school. All staff receive regular training which is refreshed throughout the year, and our curriculum provides pupils with age-appropriate learning about safety, health, and wellbeing.

To keep families informed, a half-termly safeguarding newsletter will be shared, offering updates, advice, and useful information about current safeguarding topics. This issue introduces our Designated Safeguarding Team, highlights key reminders from the Department for Education's Keeping Children Safe in Education (2025), and reinforces the importance of regular attendance and punctuality.

By working together, we can ensure that every child at Kidgate feels safe, supported, and able to achieve their full potential.

Mrs Cook, Principal
Designated Safeguarding Lead

'Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025'

'Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025 is national guidance from the Department for Education that all schools must follow. It helps make sure that every child is safe, cared for, and supported to achieve their best.

The document explains how schools protect children from harm, how staff are trained to spot any signs of concern, and the steps we must take if we think a child needs extra help. It also includes guidance on safer recruitment, early support for families, and the important role of our Designated Safeguarding Leads.

In simple terms, safeguarding means:

- Protecting children from harm or abuse
- Supporting their physical and emotional health
- Making sure they grow up in a safe and caring environment

To read the full Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025 document click [here](#)

Online etiquette

- 1) Only invite people into the group if current users agree to it
- 2) If you do not want to have contact with another user, leave the group
- 3) If you are unhappy with something taking place in the group, speak to a trusted adult. You may want to consider leaving the group
- 4) Never post your own or anyone else's personal information, even if you think you know everyone in the group
- 5) A good rule to stick to- only post or say things in a group chat that you would be happy for your parents to see.

Don't forget to also download the free National Online Safety App which can help you keep up-to-date with new developments in keeping your child/ren safe.



Attendance Matters

Getting here on time every day really is important in helping your child to become a happy and successful.

The Safeguarding Curriculum

At Kidgate Academy, we believe one of the best ways to safeguard children is to give them the knowledge and skills to keep themselves safe. Safeguarding is embedded throughout our curriculum and in the wide range of opportunities we provide in school.

Some examples include:

- 'Values' assemblies delivered to all children from EYFS to Year 6
- Online Safety Days with age-appropriate workshops
- Online safety discussions within computing and other lessons
- Participation in Anti-Bullying Week and Mental Health Week
- Relationships, Sex & Health Education (RSHE) lessons
- Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE) lessons
- OPAL playtimes encouraging active play

Our school values for this term are:

Autumn 1: Respect

Autumn 2: Resilience

Through these activities and lessons, we aim to help children develop the confidence, knowledge, and skills they need to stay safe, make positive choices, and thrive both in school and beyond.



How do the children raise any concerns?

All classes have 'Worry' boxes. We check these regularly and discuss any issues with the children, so that they know they are being listened to and their concerns are being taken seriously.

All children can go and speak to any adult in the academy.

