

Kidgate Academy

Safeguarding Update

Term 2: 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 Academy:

- 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

Keeping children safe online

Over the winter months, it is likely that children will be spending more time online. Whilst the online world offers a great deal of entertainment and information for children, it does come with risk. Here are some top tips for helping children stay safe online:

- 1) Talking regularly with your child is the greatest tool to help keep them safe online. Talking regularly and making it part of daily conversation, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed. It also means when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you.
- 2) Manage the amount of time your child is online. Balance it with other activities that are away from a screen. Play board games, colour, craft and calming activities especially one hour before they go to bed.
- 3) Set up parental controls to block any upsetting or inappropriate content. Information about setting up parental controls can be found here: [Use Parental Controls to Keep Your Child Safe | NSPCC](#)
- 4) Give your child the strategies they need in case something concerning happens whilst they are using their device. This could be to lock the screen and tell an adult, to make a report to the platform they are using, or to block the user.
- 5) Talk to your child about how they communicate online and remind them that anything they put online, whether it's via What's App, Instagram, TikTok or YouTube, can be shared widely. Is what they are sharing kind? True? Helpful? Safe?

Below is information about signing up to the National Online Safety Hub which has lots more advice about keeping children safe online for parents and carers.

Mrs Cook, Principal
Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**



**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.**



'Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025'

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](#)

Support for Families

Family isn't always easy. Find below several external agencies that look to support families.

Family Action

Website: [Family Action: Supporting families at every age and stage of life](#)

Contact details: 0808 802 6666

Text: 07537 404 282

Email: familyline@family-action.org.uk

Community Nurse for Children with Learning Disabilities

Website: <https://www.ulh.nhs.uk/>

Contact details: 01522 309678

Email: uulth.commnursechildld@nhs.net

Children's Links

Website: [Childrens Links Website](#)

Contact details: 01507 528300

Email: admin@childrenslinks.org.uk

Action for Children

Website: <https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/>

Contact details: 0300 123 2112

Email: ask.us@actionforchildren.org.uk

Autismlinks

Website: [Autism Links](#)

Email: info@autismlinks.co.uk

Early Support and Care Coordination (ESCO)

Contact details: 01522 552389

Email: esco@lincolnshire.gov.uk

NSPCC

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/>

Attendance Matters Getting here on time every day really is important in helping your child to become a happy and successful learner. Every day really does count



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.