

Kidgate Academy

Safeguarding Update

Term 4: 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,

Artificial Intelligence (AI) image tools are becoming increasingly popular, and children may come across them online. These tools can create or change images, for example by swapping faces or changing expressions. While they can be used in fun and creative ways, it is important that children understand how to use them safely and responsibly.

Some AI tools can create very realistic images, which means it can sometimes be difficult to tell whether a picture is real or not.

What should children understand?

Please remind your child of the following:

- AI tools must not be used to create or change images of school staff.
- Children should not create or edit images of teachers using AI tools under any circumstances, even if it is meant as a joke.
- If children want to use photos of friends or other people, they must always ask permission first.
- AI tools should never be used to make images that could embarrass, upset or hurt someone else, as this can be a form of bullying.
- Images shared online can sometimes be copied or reused by others, which can affect a child's digital footprint.

How parents and carers can help

You can support your child by:

- Talking with them about how they use AI tools and what they create.
- Asking them to show you any images they have made.
- Checking the age ratings of apps and websites they use.
- Setting parental controls where appropriate.
- Encouraging your child to think carefully and act responsibly online.

By working together, we can help children enjoy technology while staying safe and respectful online.

[Talking to children about AI | NSPCC](#)

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

Help to keep children safe online with Techosaurus

The NSPCC have created Techosaurus, a friendly dinosaur to assist you in having chats with your child about online safety. It is aimed at younger children and includes a book and activity pack (both chargeable). You can find out more here:

[Help keep children safe online with Techosaurus! | NSPCC](#)

Balance screen time tips

Internet Matters have created simple tips to help you develop healthy online habits for your child. They also answer key questions such as “how much screentime is too much” and “is gaming bad for children.”

Access this information here: [Keep Children Safe Online: Information, advice, support - Internet Matters](#)

Children’s Commissioner launches new guide for parents and carers

The Children’s Commissioner has released a new guide to help you in managing your child’s digital life. The guide was written with direct involvement from children. It includes advice on setting boundaries such as no devices in the bedroom and how to chat to your child.

You can find the guide here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/blog/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-childrens-commissioner-launches-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

7 Steps to Good Digital Parenting

The Family Online Safety Institute have created seven steps to assist you as a digital parent.

Find out more here: <https://fosi.org/program/7-steps-to-good-digital-parenting/>

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 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.