



Keeping your child safe is our highest priority. Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility.

Safe and Sound: Our Shared Responsibility

Learn how we keep children safe in school and how parents can play a part in safeguarding.

At our schools, keeping every child safe is everybody's responsibility. We ensure that we are fully compliant with government safeguarding guidance ([Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025](#)) and that all staff understand their duty to protect pupils from harm, abuse, and neglect. Every member of staff is trained to recognise signs of concern and knows how to report them quickly and appropriately.

We teach children how to stay safe—both in school and online—through our PSHE and computing **curriculum**, daily **routines**, regular **assemblies** and **visitors** such as the local policing team, and through our **Thrive** provision. Our safeguarding team works closely with families and outside agencies to provide early help and support when needed.

How Parents Can Help Keep Children Safe

Parents and carers play a vital role in safeguarding. We believe that by working together, we can create a strong network of care around every child. Parents and carers can support our safeguarding work by:

- **Open communication:** Attend parent meetings, read school updates, and talk to staff if you have questions or concerns. Open communication helps us respond quickly when issues arise.
- **Talking regularly with your child:** Encourage open conversations about friendships, feelings, and online activity. Children who feel listened to are more likely to speak up if something worries them.
- **Being alert to changes:** Notice if your child's behaviour, mood, or attendance changes and share any concerns with us as soon as possible.
- **Promoting online safety:** Monitor your child's device use, set clear rules about internet use, use parental controls where appropriate, and talk about what is safe to share online.
- **Following safeguarding procedures:** Always sign in at reception when visiting school and respect our rules around photographing or recording pupils on site.
- **Seeking help early:** If your family needs support, please talk to us. We can offer advice or connect you with trusted services.

Together, we can ensure every child in our care feels **safe, supported, and able to thrive**—both in and beyond school.

Domestic violence and abuse

Domestic abuse is any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse.

Operation Encompass

This national operation directly connects the Police with schools. Following any domestic abuse incident being reported to the police, the Police make contact with Children's Social Care who communicate relevant information to nominated school staff. This ensures school is made aware at the earliest opportunity and can provide support to children.

Each school has members of staff who have been trained in liaising with police and Children's Social Care when required, and will ensure that the necessary support is made available to the child following the disclosure.

How to report domestic violence and abuse

If you're a victim of domestic abuse, or know someone who is, and there's an emergency that's ongoing or life is in danger, call **999** now.

[Link for reporting online.](#)

Claire's Law

This scheme enables the police to release information about any previous history of violence or abuse a person might have.

Under Clare's Law you can:

- Apply for information about your current or ex-partner because you're worried they may have a history of abuse and are a risk to you;
- Request information about the current or ex-partner of a friend or relative because you're worried they might be at risk

[Link for information about making an application under Claire's Law](#)

Attendance and safeguarding

Attendance is a safeguarding issue. We have a legal duty to do everything we can to ensure children attend school. Not only can regular absence, particularly unexplained absence, be a cause for concern, but only when children are in school can we talk to and support children in the ways they need and deserve.

If you would like support with attendance and supporting your child to attend school every day, please make contact with school so we can signpost appropriate support.

Key Contacts: (Safeguarding Team)

Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mr A Spence

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads - Miss L Hall, Miss A Hall, Mrs N Kearsley, Miss L Turnbull

For Attendance Concerns - Mrs C Harle, Ms H Robinson