



Safeguarding Newsletter – Spring 2026

Arboretum Primary School

Our Continued Commitment to Safeguarding

At Arboretum Primary School, safeguarding remains our highest priority. Our dedicated DSL team works tirelessly to ensure every child feels safe, supported, and listened to. We continue to take into account the unique context of our local area, Normanton, and focus on the risks children may face in the community as part of our Contextual Safeguarding approach.

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Team

- Helen Phillips – Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
 - Amanda Carvell – Deputy DSL
 - Lisa Kay – Deputy DSL
 - Sarah Ferguson – Deputy DSL
 - Helen Cavanagh – Deputy DSL
 - Roxy Darling – Deputy DSL

Support We Offer at Arboretum Primary School

- Daily pastoral support for children experiencing emotional or social difficulties.
 - Early Help interventions for families who may need additional support.
 - Mental health and wellbeing sessions delivered by trained staff.
 - Regular Online Safety teaching for all pupils.
- Anti-bullying ambassadors and peer support programmes. (Mental Health Ambassadors)

Further Information about Safeguarding at Arboretum

Safeguarding is central to all we do at Arboretum Primary School. All staff receive regular training, and we work closely with external agencies to ensure children are protected both in school and in the wider community. We use safer recruitment procedures, thorough risk assessments, and continuous monitoring to keep every child safe.

Operation Encompass

Arboretum Primary School takes part in Operation Encompass, a national initiative helping schools support children who may have experienced domestic abuse. When the police attend an incident at a child's home, our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is notified before the next school day. This early notification allows us to offer sensitive, timely support to children who may be affected. If you would like some support regarding domestic abuse, our team are happy to offer support and advice.

<https://www.operationencompass.org/>



Social Media, Age Restrictions and Their Impact on Children

We are seeing increasing challenges linked to children using social media platforms that are age-restricted. Many disagreements between pupils begin online—often late at night—and then carry over into school, affecting behaviour, learning, and friendships. Children under the recommended age may struggle with online conflict, harmful content, and understanding the long-term risks of sharing information. We ask all parents and carers to support us by ensuring children only access apps appropriate for their age. This helps protect them from online risks and reduces conflict in school.



Whatsapp Age 16+



TikTok Age 13+



Instagram Age 13+



Snapchat Age 13+



Youtube Age 13+



Facebook Age 13+

Contextual Safeguarding in Normanton

We recognise that children may face risks within the wider community, including in local parks, shops, online spaces, and when walking to and from school. Normanton is a vibrant and diverse area, but like any busy community it carries risks such as anti-social behaviour, online exploitation, peer pressure and overcrowded housing pressures.

We work closely with external agencies including the police, local authority, children's services, and community groups to ensure children and families receive the right support at the right time.

Key Community Safety Messages

- Talk to your child about staying safe when out in the community.
 - Ensure children know safe routes to and from school.
- Help them understand what to do if they feel unsafe or threatened.
- Monitor your child's online activity and ensure privacy settings are in place.
- Encourage them to report any unsafe behaviour from peers or adults.

Reporting Concerns

If you ever have a concern about a child, please contact the DSL team.

All concerns are taken seriously.

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