

REACH FOR THE STARS



**ARBORETUM**  
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# Safeguarding newsletter

## Autumn Term 2025

### Welcome to the new school year and to our latest addition of the Safeguarding newsletter

How lovely it has been to see you all back at school after the summer break! We do hope that this was nice and relaxing for you all?

The DSL team at arboretum continued to work over the summer, we kept in touch with the families, we visited the local areas to say hello to all the children that we were missing (and their Mummies and Daddies). We also spent time in school making sure we were ready to welcome you all back.

At Arboretum Primary School, safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do. We want every child to feel safe, happy, and ready to learn each day. This newsletter shares some important updates on how we are keeping children safe in school, in our community, and how you can support us at home.



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### Safeguarding Children

If you are feeling sad, upset, worried, hurt or scared, you can talk to any member of staff.

You can also talk to ....



 <b>Mrs Phillips</b> Designated Safeguarding Lead	 <b>Mrs Kay</b> Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	 <b>Mrs Carvell</b> Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
 <b>Mrs Ferguson</b> Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	 <b>Mrs Darling</b> Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	 <b>Mrs Cavanagh</b> Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	 <b>Mrs Forster</b> Safeguarding LTC Member

Here is a little reminder about who safeguards your children in school. You can speak to any one of us if you have any safeguarding concerns, you can also call the office and ask for us and we do have an email address that you can contact us on. [safeguarding@arboretum.derby.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@arboretum.derby.sch.uk)

## Attendance Matters

Good attendance is key to your child's safety, wellbeing, and education.

- Children who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve and build positive friendships.
- When a child misses school, it can mean missed learning and missed opportunities to be part of our school community.
- If your child is unwell or unable to attend, please contact the school office as soon as possible.
- Our pastoral team is here to support families if attendance becomes difficult – please reach out, we are here to help.

## Local Concerns in Normanton

We work closely with local services in Derby to stay aware of community issues that may affect our families. Recently, concerns have been raised about:

- **Road safety** around school drop-off and pick-up times. Please park responsibly and use safe crossing points.
- **Anti-social behaviour** in some local parks and shops. We encourage families to speak with children about staying with a trusted adult and not engaging with strangers.
- **Online safety** – with many children accessing the internet and social media, it's important to know what your child is watching, playing, or sharing online.

If you are worried about something you see in the community, you can always talk to us, and we will listen.

## How Arboretum School Keeps Children Safe

Our staff team is committed to creating a safe and nurturing environment for every child:

- We have a **dedicated safeguarding team** who are trained to support children and families.
- All staff are trained to notice when something doesn't seem right and take action quickly.
- We work in partnership with Derby City Council, the police, health professionals, and community groups.
- We teach children about **staying safe**, including road safety, healthy friendships, online safety, and knowing who to talk to if they feel worried.

## Working Together

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Together, school and families can give children the safest start in life. If you ever have a concern about your child's safety – in school, at home, or in the community – please speak to us.

Thank you for working with us to keep Arboretum children safe, happy, and ready to shine.

Warm regards,

**The Arboretum Primary School Safeguarding Team**

