

Keeping our children safe

Date 1.5.26

If you are concerned about a child, please contact a member of our safeguarding team. Our safeguarding team attend regular training to ensure their skills are up to date.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are listed below:

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs S Grant (Headteacher)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Mrs J Ramshaw (Deputy Headteacher)

Mrs C Allen (EYFS Lead)

Mrs R Cunningham (Family Partner)

Miss J Milonas (Class Teacher)



Staying Safe on TikTok

TikTok is a popular app where young people can watch and create short videos, but it's important that children use it safely. TikTok's minimum age is 13. Parents should be aware that videos, comments and messages can sometimes come from people they do not know. It can be helpful to talk regularly with your child about what they watch online, remind them not to share personal information (such as their school, location or phone number), and encourage them to tell a trusted adult if something online makes them feel uncomfortable.

Parents can also make TikTok safer by using the app's privacy and parental control settings. Accounts can be set to private, which means only approved followers can see videos. You can also restrict direct messages, limit screen time, and filter out inappropriate comments using TikTok's Family Pairing feature. Keeping devices in shared family spaces and having open conversations about online behaviour can help children enjoy social media while staying safe. If you or your child are worried about something your child has seen online you can seek advice from organisations such as NSPCC or Childline.



Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying is when someone uses the internet, social media, games or messaging apps to upset, threaten or embarrass another person. This might include sending unkind messages, sharing photos without permission, spreading rumours online, or excluding someone from online groups. Because it happens on devices that children use every day, cyberbullying can feel overwhelming and difficult for young people to escape from.

Parents can help by talking regularly with their child about their online life and encouraging them to speak up if something online makes them feel uncomfortable. Remind children not to respond to hurtful messages and to block or report the person involved. Some of the social media apps our children use have an age requirement to help keep them safe. Organisations such as NSPCC and Childline can offer advice and support to children about cyberbullying.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

13

is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps.



3 Ways to Help Your Child Talk About Their Day

1. Ask open questions

Instead of asking “Did you have a good day?”, try questions like “What made you smile today?” or “What was the most interesting thing you did?”. Open questions encourage children to share more than just a yes or no answer.

2. Pick the right moment

Some children find it easier to talk while doing something else, such as during dinner, in the car, or while playing. A relaxed moment without pressure can help children feel more comfortable sharing their thoughts.

3. Share about your day too

Talking about your own day – including things that went well or were a bit tricky – shows children that it’s normal to talk about feelings and experiences. This helps build a habit of open communication at home.