Willerby Carr Lane Primary School Safeguarding Newsletter - May 2026

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SPOTLIGHT ON: CHILD ON CHILD ABUSE

Children can sometimes harm or mistreat other children; this is commonly known as child-on-child abuse. It may take place in person or through online platforms. At Willerby Carr Lane Primary School, all staff are fully aware of the school's safeguarding policies and procedures relating to this type of behaviour, and understand their responsibility in both preventing it and responding appropriately if concerns arise.

Child-on-child abuse involves situations where a young person is bullied, exploited, or harmed by others of a similar age group. It can take many forms and is not limited to sexual abuse or exploitation. Examples of child-on-child abuse may include, but are not restricted to:

- Bullying, including online (cyberbullying), as well as behaviour driven by prejudice or discrimination
- Abuse within close or intimate peer relationships
- Physical harm such as hitting, kicking, shaking, biting, pulling hair, or other actions that cause injury (this may also be encouraged or threatened online)
- Sexual violence, including rape, assault by penetration, or sexual assault, which may also involve online elements that incite or threaten such acts
- Sexual harassment, including inappropriate comments, jokes, or online behaviour, either as isolated incidents or part of a wider pattern
- Forcing or pressuring someone into sexual activity without their consent, such as making someone undress or engage in sexual acts
- Sharing nude or semi-nude images or videos, whether consensual or non-consensual (often referred to as sexting or youth-produced sexual imagery)
- Upskirting, which involves taking images under a person's clothing without their knowledge, typically for sexual gratification or to cause distress; this is a criminal offence under the Voyeurism Act

It is important to recognise that many of these behaviours can occur online, including through social media and other digital platforms. At Willerby Carr Lane Primary School, pupils are educated through PSHE, online safety lessons, and workshops about recognising inappropriate behaviour and speaking up when something does not feel right.

Any instance or suspicion of child-on-child abuse is treated with the utmost seriousness. If you have concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing in relation to peer behaviour, please contact a member of the safeguarding team.



FOOTBALL AT BREAK/LUNCH

We recognise that there have been some incidents recently involving disagreements and physical behaviour during football activities. While football is a popular and enjoyable part of school life, it is important that it remains a safe and positive experience for all children.

We are committed to ensuring that football is inclusive and accessible to pupils of **all abilities**, promoting teamwork, respect, and fair play. We actively support children in developing these skills and understanding how to manage competition in a positive way.

However, where children are unable to meet these expectations or continue to engage in unsafe or aggressive behaviour, they may be asked to take a break from participating in football. This is to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all pupils and to maintain a respectful environment.

Our Safeguarding Team

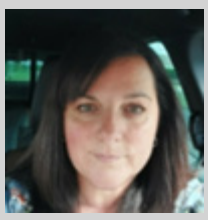
If you have any concerns about a child's welfare or safety, please speak to a member of the schools safeguarding team.



Mrs K Smith—Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)/Deputy Headteacher



Mrs L Widdowson— Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)/Headteacher



Our safeguarding governor is

Mrs K Boughen.

SUPPORTING FAMILIES - MELANIE ROBINSON

We are now in the third term of having Melanie Robinson from Family Help as part of our school community. I'm sure that those parents who have come to see her will agree that she is absolutely fantastic and provides a wealth of advice on a range of issues. If you have any concerns at all about your child in terms of behaviour, sleep, attendance, anxiety or anything at all, Mel is happy to listen, is excellent at offering advice and can signpost you towards all kinds of support. Look out for the next date after half term when Mel will be back in school. She can do face to face or telephone appointments.

YOU TUBE

Supporting your child to use YouTube and YouTube Kids safely:

YouTube is extremely popular with children and can offer a wide range of entertainment, creativity, and learning opportunities. However, like any online platform, it does carry some risks. Even child-focused versions such as YouTube Kids may occasionally display content that is not suitable for younger viewers.

What parents and carers need to be aware of:

Children often begin by watching appropriate and harmless videos. The main concern tends to come from how the platform operates, rather than the initial content they choose. Some of the ways children may encounter unsuitable material include:

Autoplay: Videos can automatically continue from one to the next without the child actively selecting them.

Ways to reduce this risk:

Switch off the Autoplay feature in the settings
Encourage children to actively choose what they watch
If Autoplay is enabled, keep an eye on suggested upcoming videos
Use the "Approved Content Only" setting on YouTube Kids where appropriate

Search functions: Children may search for something innocent but still come across unexpected or inappropriate results.

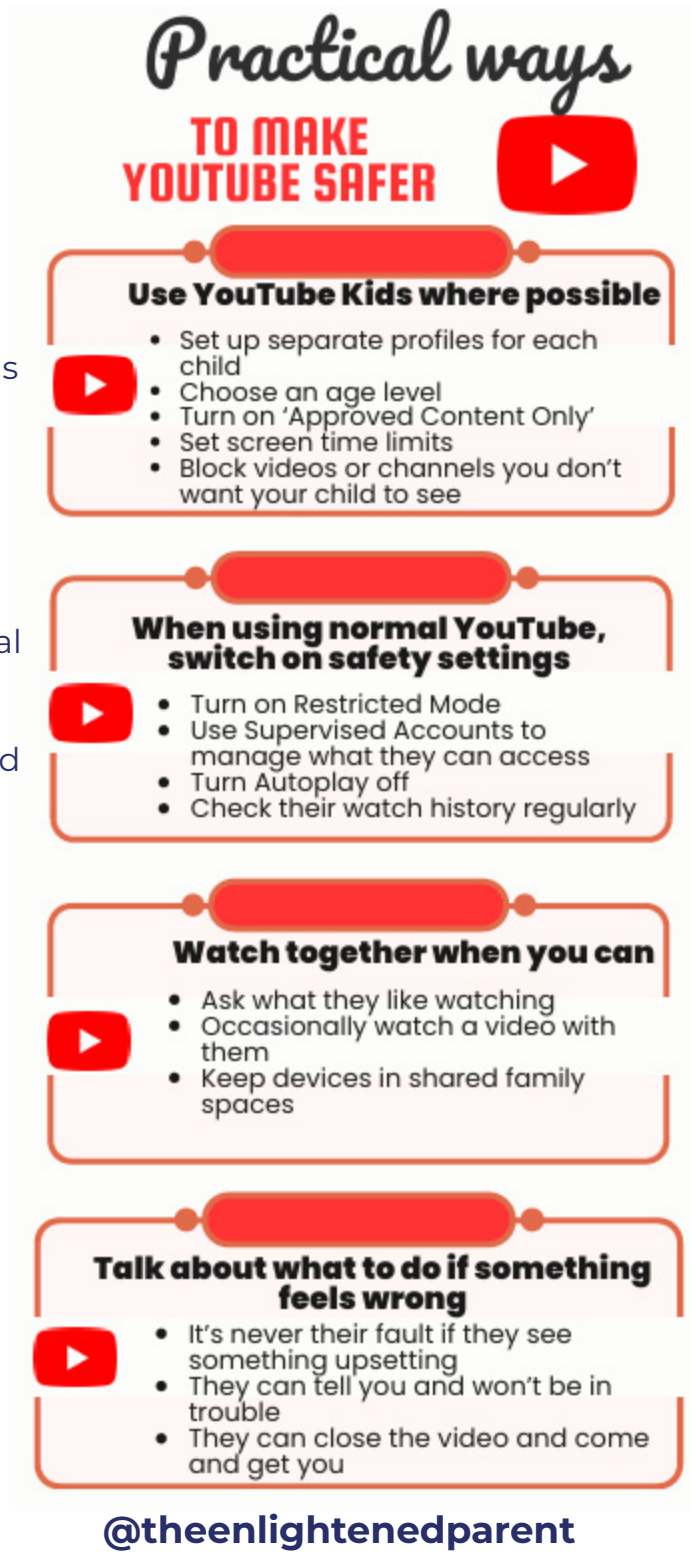
Ways to reduce this risk: Disable the search function in YouTube Kids. Supervise younger children while they are searching. Talk with your child about what to do if something they see worries or confuses them. Help them access trusted channels by saving or subscribing to suitable content

Adverts: Younger children may find it difficult to distinguish between adverts and regular videos.

Ways to reduce this risk: Explain clearly what adverts are (for example, that they are trying to sell something). Watch together at times so you can discuss adverts when they appear. Consider using YouTube Kids, which generally features fewer and more age-appropriate adverts. Encourage children to check with an adult before clicking on adverts or pop-ups.

Although YouTube Kids is designed to be safer, it is important to remember that content is filtered automatically rather than reviewed individually, meaning it is not completely risk-free.





SATS

Year 6 will be sitting their SATs next week which we know they are more than ready for. We do not want them to worry about these tests at all and all we ask is that they have a relaxing weekend, get plenty of sleep and simply try their best. We know that every single one of them have all kinds of talents and attributes that SATS cannot measure and we are proud of them all for all of the hard work they have put in.

OTHER NEWS

MUDDY BOOTS CLUB

Muddy Boots Club is back in full swing! Beds have been weeded and raked, and we have sown onions, beetroot, cucumber, tomatoes, peas and beans! We are hoping for a bumper crop this year!






NETBALL

Last week Mrs Phipps and Mrs Smith took two teams to play a netball tournament at Wolfreton. It was a lovely sunny evening and the teams played against several local schools. Everyone gave it their best and there were some super goals scored. One team came second overall and have made it through to the next round - the other team came 4th. Well done to everyone that took part - great sporting attitudes.



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

We're very pleased to hear how well Bruce is doing a in his sports. With rugby, he gets Man of the Match week in week out from not just his coaches but opposition. He has also started golf in Jan and has entered 4 competitions- Sir Nick Faldo camps and he has come 2nd in 2 of these and got though to the semi finals at Leeds in the May half term. As well as this, Bruce also plays for the school teams! Well done Bruce!



MR DICKINSON AT THE PALACE

We were very excited to see our amazing long term governor, Mr Dickinson's photos from his garden party at Buckingham Palace this week, accompanied by his lovely wife, Gill. He received an award for his services to children and education and we think it could not be more deserved. Congratulations Mr Dickinson and thank you for everything you do. We hope the cucumber sandwiches were up to scratch!





