Willerby Carr Lane Primary School Safeguarding Newsletter - July 2026

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SPOTLIGHT ON: TRANSITION

Our annual Transition Day will take place on Wednesday 8th July, when children will spend the day with their new class teacher and classmates for September. Staff are looking forward to welcoming everyone and helping children feel excited and confident about the year ahead.

Following Transition Day, parents and carers will also have the opportunity to meet both their child's current teacher and new teacher after school on Monday 13th July. This is a great opportunity to ask any questions, find out more about the year ahead and help your child feel reassured about the transition There will also be a chance to visit the science fair on art exhibition during this time.

Every child responds to change differently. While many look forward to new opportunities, others may feel a little anxious or uncertain. As parents and carers, there are lots of simple ways you can help make this transition a positive experience.



How you can help:

Stay positive. Your attitude can have a big influence on your child's feelings. Talk about the exciting opportunities ahead, such as new learning, new experiences and getting to know their new teacher.

Offer reassurance. Remind your child that many things will stay the same, including familiar friends, routines and supportive staff.

Listen to any worries. Give your child time to talk about how they are feeling, acknowledge any concerns and reassure them that it is normal to feel a little nervous about change.

Talk about what to expect. Whether they are moving into Key Stage 2 or preparing for secondary school, discussing new routines and responsibilities beforehand can help build confidence.

Keep friendships going. Encouraging children to spend time with friends over the summer can help them feel connected and ready for the new school year.

With encouragement, reassurance and a positive outlook, most children settle quickly into their new class and enjoy the opportunities that a new school year brings.

WATER SAFETY ASSEMBLIES



This week, the whole school has taken part in water safety assemblies, run by Yorkshire Water. They learned about the dangers of open water, including rivers, canals and reservoirs, and why these places can be hazardous even on warm, sunny days. The sessions explored hidden risks such as cold water shock, deep water and strong currents, and reinforced the importance of making safe choices around water.

Children also learned what to do in an emergency, including how to get help safely without putting themselves at risk, and were encouraged to look after themselves and others by following simple water safety advice. These important messages will help children enjoy the summer safely while developing their awareness of potential risks. Thank you to Mrs Holdstock for organising these assemblies.

Our Safeguarding Team

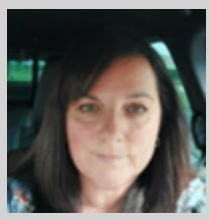
If you have any concerns about a child's welfare or safety, please speak to a member of the schools safeguarding team.



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.



If a child gets into difficulty

The Royal Life Saving Society UK encourages people to remember that they should never enter the water to attempt a rescue.

Instead:

- call 999 immediately
- encourage the child to float on their back if they are able
- throw something that floats if available
- seek help from a lifeguard or emergency services.

Trying to rescue someone by entering the water yourself can place more people at risk.

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HELPING CHILDREN STAY SAFE ON YOUTUBE

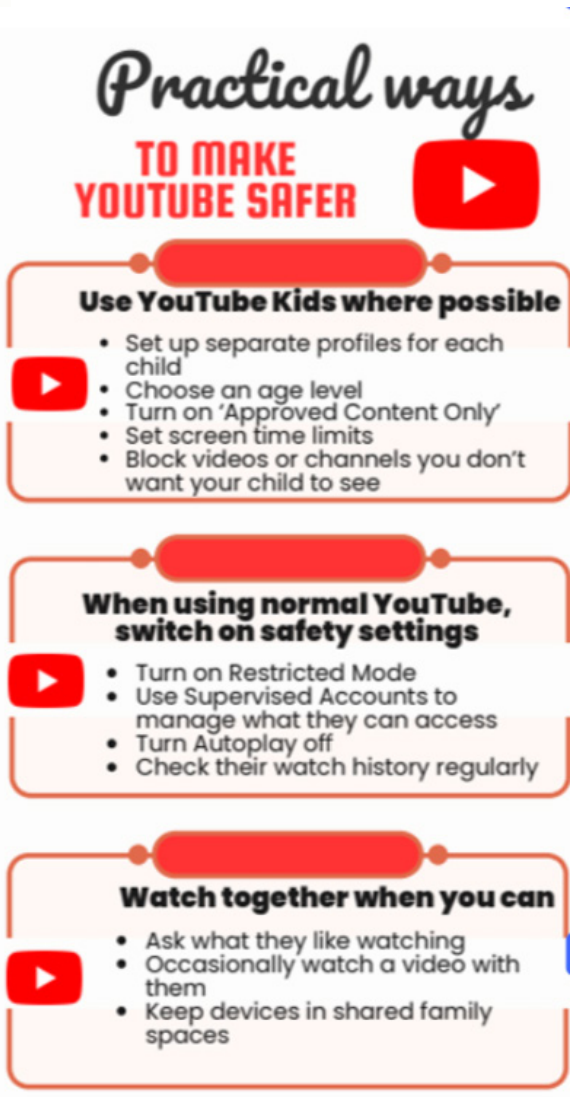
YouTube is a fantastic place for children to explore new interests, learn new skills and enjoy entertaining content. However, like all online platforms, it is important that children use it safely. Although YouTube Kids is designed with younger users in mind, no filtering system is perfect and children may still occasionally come across content that is unsuitable for their age.

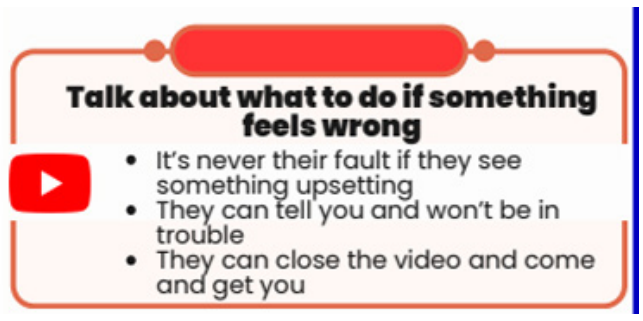
One of the biggest challenges is the way YouTube **recommends videos.** A child may begin by watching something appropriate, but features such as Autoplay can quickly lead them to content they didn't intend to watch. Turning Autoplay off, encouraging children to choose their own videos and checking suggested content can all help reduce this risk. If your child uses YouTube Kids, consider enabling 'Approved Content Only' mode for greater control.

Searching for videos can also produce unexpected results. Younger children benefit from using YouTube with an adult nearby, and it is helpful to talk about what they should do if they see anything that worries or confuses them. Saving favourite channels from trusted creators is another good way to help children find safe, age-appropriate content.

Adverts can also be confusing, particularly for younger children who may not recognise when they are being encouraged to buy something. Watching together from time to time provides a great opportunity to explain what adverts are and remind children not to click on adverts or pop-ups without checking with a trusted adult first.

The best way to keep children safe online is through regular conversations, setting appropriate parental controls and taking an active interest in what they enjoy watching. Spending time exploring YouTube together helps children develop the skills and confidence to make safe choices online.





A useful way to think about YouTube is as you would any busy public space. There is plenty to enjoy and learn from, but children still need support, supervision and clear boundaries while they develop the skills to use it safely. You don't need to be an expert in technology to help protect your child. Showing an interest in what they are watching, agreeing simple family rules and having regular, open conversations about their online experiences are some of the most effective ways to keep them safe.

SCHOOL NEWS

We were treated to a spectacular performance of the year 2 show this week and were absolutely blown away by the confidence of the children. every word could be heard and the singing, dancing and actions were fantastic. A big well done to the children and the staff. We look forward to seeing the year 6 leavers' show next week! We also had our amazing Rocksteady bands perform in front of the school and parents. Everyone did so well and proved themselves to be budding rockstars!







HALTEMPRICE SPORTS

On a very hot evening last Wednesday, several children took part in the annual Haltemprice Sports event at Costello stadium. The children competed in a range of athletic events and did the school proud. Thank you to Mr Robinson for organising and all the staff and parents that attended.







SAYING GOODBYE

We are sad to say that at the end of the term we are saying goodbye to Mrs Hudson, our EYFS lead, who is leaving to take up a Deputy Head post with Humber Estuary Federation. We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Phipps, who is leaving to take on new challenges in a different role. We wish them every success in their new jobs and thank them for the brilliant job they've done here at Carr Lane.

In September, we will be welcoming Miss Murray into Year 4, Mr Dempster into Year 2 and Miss Ferrie will be joining us in EYFS.

YEAR 3 TRIP

Year 3 had a fun day out at the Humber Bridge Country Park completing their geography fieldwork. They looked for signs of erosion and compared it to the erosion happening in Venice.





