

Berkeley Primary School

Safeguarding Newsletter: April 2025

By Helen Earl - Safeguarding Lead

Welcome to our newsletter. We hope you find it interesting and useful.



Recent news...

The school safeguarding team attend termly safeguarding updates run by North Lincolnshire Council. National and local information is shared and schools also have the opportunity to share good practice with one another. It is a great opportunity for us to check we are doing everything that we should and to tweak our practice if necessary.



Spotlight on... filtering and monitoring

This year, we have invested in a new filtering and monitoring system to ensure that we are keeping all children safe online. Filtering stops school devices from being able to access websites containing harmful content. The monitoring system enables us to track back to specific pupils if an attempt has been made to access inappropriate content, or, for example, if a child has typed a swear word or has tried to search for something that they should not. This could be an indication that there is a safeguarding or other concern for that child. The monitoring system means that we are alerted quickly, can talk to the child and parents and act swiftly if necessary. We have got used to getting email alerts and investigating any issues highlighted - all have been resolved easily. Your children may have told you that we know everything they are doing online at school - we do! No system is perfect, so staff are also vigilant, checking what children are doing and ensuring they are supervised. We all regularly remind children of expectations for behaviour online and of what they should do if they do see something that they know is "not right".

Did you know...?

We see safeguarding as extending well beyond school's physical boundaries and work hard to teach children skills for life that will keep them safe in many different situations and contexts. To help us, we have a scheme that we use in school called SCARF. This gives us lesson ideas for every year group from nursery to Year 6. There are six units for every year group (Me and My Relationships, Valuing Difference, Keeping Safe, Rights and Respect, Being My Best, Growing and Changing). In addition, we add to these lessons as much as possible to make learning exciting - for example, Nursery and Reception are very much looking forward to a visit from Kate Lonsdale, Road Safety and Active Travel Officer, North Lincolnshire Highways Traffic Safety Team.



Useful contacts... Children's and Young People's Services: 01724 296500 (9am to 5pm Monday to Thursday, 9am to 4.30pm Friday), 08081 689667 (free phone), 01724 296555 (answerphone - out of office hours and at weekends). If you think a child or young person is in immediate danger, phone the police on 101 (non emergency) or 999 (emergency).