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# Autumn Term 2024



## Safeguarding at Ribblesdale

A Newsletter for Our School  
Community  
Pupils, Staff, Parents and  
Governors

### Our Team

Designated Safeguarding Leads  
(DSLs)

Lead DSL

Mrs Dewhurst

Deputy DSL

Mrs Power

Miss Ralphson

Mrs Mashiter

Miss Parkinson

Mr Small

Primary Phase Deputy DSL

Miss Whalley

Mrs Jackson



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### What Issues Are Important to You?

We would like to signpost you to our well-being resource. This has been put together with the school's context in mind and contains support on issues such as online safety, drugs, and emotional and mental wellbeing. *Well-Being Matters - What issues are important to you?* ([padlet.com](http://padlet.com))



### Safeguarding Assemblies

As part of our Personal Development curriculum, we have half termly safeguarding assemblies for pupils and form tutors. This term, pupils have received assemblies on:

- 1) Keeping safe online and appropriate use of Artificial Intelligence
- 2) Operation Sceptre - knife crime
- 3) Anti-bullying



We have also focused on **Consent**, in form time activities.

Police officers (PC Boast and PC Pearce) are now making visits to the school each month, to build positive relationships, give support, and educate pupils on keeping

As part of staff training and a CASCADE in form time, we have focused on **Fundamental British Values** and how we promote them at Ribblesdale School.



Democracy



Rule of Law



Individual Liberty



Respect & Tolerance

### How to Report Issues or Concerns:

**Pupils** – always tell an adult if you need help. Remember, we have Pastoral Coordinators, but all staff are here to listen and help. You can also use the Green Heart reporting system on your device.

**Parents** – our Pastoral Coordinators and Pastoral Intervention Managers are always here to help, and our team of Deputy Safeguarding Leads are available for guidance and support.

**Staff** – Always report concerns immediately. This should be via CPOMS – if in doubt, always speak to a DSL.



**Safeguarding Governor**

**Miss Higham-Day**



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## What is our Early Help offer?

The 'Early Help Assessment' is a tool we use to support our work with families by helping us work with them to identify their needs and plan appropriate responses. To complete an assessment, our Pastoral Intervention Manager (PIM) will talk with members of the family to gather, explore, and analyse information about all aspects of their life. They then identify areas where changes and additional support might help them.

Examples of such support are:

- In school support
- Allocated Pastoral Coordinator
- School Counsellor
- School therapy dog
- Managing emotions workshop
- Morning breakfast group for pupils experiencing anxiety
- School Nurse



Working with trained staff in Emotional Literacy Support (ELSA) and Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA)

Referrals if appropriate can also be made to:

- LCC Early Help
- NEST – Domestic Violence
- Wish Centre – Parachute Programme
- RYPP – Challenging relationship support
- MHST – Mental Health support
- PPP parenting programme – Help with parenting techniques
- ELCAS – East Lancashire Child and Adolescent Services

## Inclusivity is at the Heart of All That We Do

### 'THE BRIDGE'

A nurturing space, for pupils to bridge the gap between where they have been and where they want to go. A place that promotes inclusivity for all. The skilled and experienced staff work with pupils on a 'one to one' or small group basis, depending on need. Pupils may be in The Bridge for any of the following reasons:

- Emotional support
- Additional curriculum support
- Bespoke timetable/reintegration
- Medical needs
- 'Reflect & Resolve' time
- Internal Alternative Provision



## Children's Safeguarding Assurance Partnership (CSAP)

CSAP provides a variety of information, advice and guidance to support the safeguarding of young people across the Pan-Lancashire region. It is aimed at Blackpool, Lancashire and Blackburn with Darwen region. There are useful resources available at <https://www.safeguardingpartnership.org.uk/>

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'Everybody, Everyday'



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In Reception, we have continued with our age appropriate training. The pupils have been thinking about the difference between welcome and unwelcome touching and have had sessions on road safety. In addition, Year 1 have had a focus on 'stranger danger' and how to keep themselves safe.



### Keeping Pupils Safe Online

Group chats, which take place on messaging apps, social media, and online games, are one of the most popular ways for young people to connect with their peers online. These chats, involving three or more individuals, enable users to share messages, images, and videos with everyone in the group. While they are great for helping friends and people with common interests to organise activities, they can also make young people feel excluded and bullied. Additionally, they can provide opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed. Please find further guidance visit [Online Safety Guides & Resources for Parents](#)

### Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass is a partnership between police and schools. One of the principles of Operation Encompass is that all incidents of domestic abuse are shared with schools, not just those where an offence can be identified. Our DSLs are notified prior to the start of the next school day that the police have attended an incident of domestic abuse. This timely information sharing enables appropriate support to be provided for that child so that all interactions, from when the child first arrives at the school gates, are of a positive nature. Operation Encompass notifications also include Children who Are Missing From Home.



### Staff Training

All staff complete annual safeguarding training and ensure that they are up to date with Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE). In addition to this, regular training and updates take place throughout the year. So far, the focus has been on:

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- Consent
- Forms of Harm & Abuse
- Contextual Safeguarding



### Stay Safe Over Christmas

For any safeguarding concerns, please contact the

- **Police** (101),
  - **Children's Social Care** (0300 123 6720),
- or alternatively, seek advice from the
- **NSPCC** (0808 800 5000 [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)),
  - **Childline** (0800 1111 [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)),
  - **Kooth** ([www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)) or

