



Summer Term 2025



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

What Issues Are Important to You?

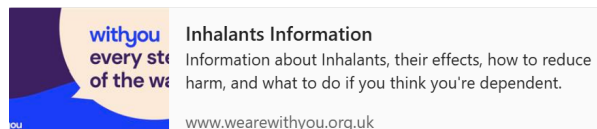
We would like to signpost you to our well-being resource. This has been put together with the school's context in mind and contains support on issues such as online safety, drugs, and emotional and mental well-being. *Well-Being Matters - What issues are important to you? ([padlet.com](https://www.padlet.com))*



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. In the Summer term, the focus has been on:

Chroming - Looking for the Signs



Chroming involves inhaling aerosols directly or after spraying it on clothes (sleeve) or a tissue. It is the most immediate risk to harm from any substance abuse and can cause death immediately, regardless of any (or no) previous use.

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 Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are available for guidance and support.

Staff – Report concerns immediately. This should be via CPOMS – if in doubt, alert a DSL.



Water Safety Tips | Open Water

Stay safe around open water with expert advice from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service. Learn about drowning...

www.lancsfireandrescue.org.uk

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) Online Safety revisited
- 2) Water Safety—delivered by Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service

At the primary, we have been looking at how we keep safe and healthy. Pupils have learnt what it means to be healthy and why it is important, such as ways to take care of themselves daily and about basic hygiene routines.

Pupils also learnt about the importance of physical activity and how it contributes to keeping people healthy. They have discussed reducing unhealthy sun exposure and at least 3 ways to keep safe in the sun through the Slip-Slop-Slap campaign to slip on a shirt, slop on sunblock and slap on a hat.

Pupils have also had messages reinforcing safe behaviours around strangers and strategies to put in place if they were to get lost.

SLIP on a shirt
SLOP on sunscreen
SLAP on a hat



In today's digital world, children and teens often use emojis as more than just playful icons — they've become a subtle language for expressing feelings, social dynamics, and sometimes even risky behaviours. While most emoji use is harmless, some meanings can be easily misunderstood or missed altogether by adults. This guide aims to demystify this constantly evolving form of communication, helping parents engage in more open, informed conversations with the young people in their lives. It also explains the meanings behind common emojis and provides practical tips for staying aware — without invading privacy or fostering distrust.



Stay Safe Over the School Holidays - 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), **Child-line** (0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk), **Kooth** (www.kooth.com) or **Samaritans** (116 123 www.samaritans.org).



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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

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/>

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



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.



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