

## Safeguarding Newsletter – Summer Issue 2024

In this edition, we are revisiting what safeguarding means and what this looks like here at Ambleside Academy.

### What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

Safeguarding means:

- protecting children from abuse and maltreatment
- preventing harm to children's health or development
- ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care
- taking action to enable all children and young people have the best outcomes.

Child protection is one part of the safeguarding process. It focuses on protecting individual children identified as suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. This includes child protection procedures which detail how to respond to concerns about a child. Safeguarding children and child protection applies to all children up to the age of 18.

At Ambleside Academy, our first and foremost priority is to keep your child safe and healthy; there are safeguarding notices around our school to remind staff and visitors of our policies and practices with the key message that:

**‘Safeguarding is everyone’s  
responsibility, every day’.**

### Keeping your child safe

Keeping your child safe means:

- The health and safety of all children;
- Making sure that the adults who work here have undergone safety and security checks;
- Protecting children from deliberate harm;
- Being an anti-bullying school;
- Being proactive against racist behaviour;
- Protecting our children from harassment and discrimination;
- A positive approach to behaviour management including the use of physical intervention safely, when necessary;
- Meeting the needs of children with medical conditions;
- Providing first aid;
- Protecting children from drug and substance abuse;

- Children enjoying safe educational visits;
- Caring for children's personal needs;
- Keeping children safe when using the internet;
- Making sure our school is secure and safe;

**All of our staff at Ambleside Academy have regular safeguarding training updates. Safeguarding is also part of our induction programme for new staff and volunteers.**

### **Useful Acronyms and Vocabulary about Safeguarding**

**DSL:** Designated Safeguarding Lead

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**PREVENT:** Part of the PREVENT Governments Counter Terrorism Strategy to stop people being drawn into extremism

**LADO:** Local Authority LADO Designated Officer—who deals with position of trust safeguarding issues

**DBS:** Disclosure & Barring DBS Service used to make safe recruitment decisions

**CP:** Child Protection Plan

**CIN:** Child in Need Plan

**LSCB:** Local Safeguarding LSCB Children Board

**CEOP:** - Child Exploitation CEOP and Online Protection centre (tackling child sex abuse and providing advice)

**Early Help:** "providing Early Help support as soon as a problem emerges, at any point in a child's life, from the foundation years through to the teenage years". Essentially intervening as soon as possible to support the child and their family.

**TAC:** Team Around a Child TAC (part of Early Help)

**TAF:** Team Around the TAF: Family (part of Early Help)

### **How are children taught about safeguarding?**

At Ambleside Academy we are committed to safeguarding and promoting pupil welfare and British Values, therefore we take every opportunity to embed these into our curriculum through the following:

- the promotion of our school rules and school values
- the writing of class rules/charters at the start of every year
- the teaching of relevant topics in PSHE, Computing, Science, RE, Food Technology and Sex and Relationships Education.
- utilising opportunities in other subjects, e.g. exploring characters and themes in English or looking at democracy, beliefs and rule of law in different civilisations, and cultures in History and Geography.
- holding regular assemblies addressing our School Values, British Values and safeguarding topics.
- holding special assemblies celebrating religious festivals for the six major world religions
- holding assemblies and school events for Anti-bullying week, Black History, Safer Internet day, Road Safety Week and other special events.

- providing opportunities to discuss what’s going on in school and the wider world, including accessing the news through appropriate channels such Newsround.
- Year 5 take part in a bespoke Mini Police programme that is designed by us together with the PCSOs to ensure it meets the needs of children and is relevant to their lives.

**We have a safeguarding team in school.**



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Designated Safeguarding Lead



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Safeguarding Officer  
Deputy Safeguarding Lead



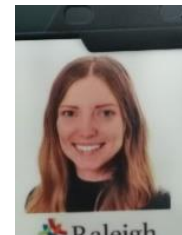
Ms Bromley  
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Head of School  
Deputy Safeguarding Lead



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Deputy Safeguarding Lead



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Deputy Safeguarding Lead

**Helplines**

Child line 0800 11 11 or [help@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:help@NSPCC.org.uk)

Nottingham City Council <https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies>

Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Women’s Aid <https://www.womensaid.org.uk/>