

Safeguarding Update Term 1 - Autumn 2023

Safeguarding Governor

Our Link Governor for Safeguarding is Gill Finch.

The Safeguarding Governor's responsibilities include: -

- Ensuring the school is following safer recruitment procedures
- Reviewing activity and policy relating to the well-being of all children
- Seeking improvement to ensure the school follows best practice in creating a culture of safeguarding

Who to contact if you have a concern about a child

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Karyn McMahon.

The following members of staff are Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:

- Mike Jackson
- Julie Brown
- Emma Dunn
- Rachael Ford Hutchinson
- Charlotte Calcutt (Appleby Centre)

We can all be contacted via the school office on 01670 823182

For a copy of our Child Protection and Safeguarding 2023-2024 Policy, please visit our school website.

98% of children and young people who completed our pupil voice survey this term said that they feel safe in school

Operation Encompass

School participates in a national scheme called 'Operation Encompass', which is a joint partnership between Northumbria 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. This system has been established to help schools provide in-school support to children who have been present at, exposed to, or involved in any domestic abuse incident. We know that children can be significantly harmed, physically and/or emotionally, during these situations, and that it also negatively affects their learning and behaviour. Therefore, as part of the Operation Encompass procedure, and to help mitigate the resulting negative impact, the school receives an email the morning after a child has been witness to, or involved in, any reported domestic abuse incident. We are then able to use this information to provide timely support to any child and their family.



Online safety is an important part of keeping children safe at Cleaswell Hill School. Pupils' are taught about how to stay safe online. This will more successful if we work together to help reinforce safe online behaviours at home.

As Christmas draws near, many children and young people may be looking forward to receiving new electronic toys, devices and games, so we'd like to share some simple online safety tips to help parents and carers make safer choices and support their children online over the festive break.

Please look out for our 'Online Safety at Christmas Time' information plus a Parents' Guide to Gifting Tech from Ineqe Safeguarding Group on School Ping and the website.

We wish you all a safe Christmas and healthy New Year