

Safeguarding at Arbor Academy

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Safeguarding is protecting children's health, well-being and human rights; enabling them to live free from harm, abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Keeping children safe in education 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

At Arbor schools, we promote a culture of vigilance by constantly teaching and reminding our children how to keep themselves safe. We teach them to speak out and tell them what to do if they come across a situation that makes them feel unsafe.

We regularly hold assemblies that teach our children about the different aspects of safeguarding, how to recognise inappropriate behaviour and what to do and who they can talk to if they are worried about something that is happening to them.

Safeguarding children is the action we take to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Every single person who comes into contact with children and families has a role to play. You will see at the top of this page, information about who to speak to if you have any concerns about a child's safety and welfare, however all of our staff are trained on safeguarding if you want to discuss any concerns with them. There is further information within this newsletter on how you can keep your child safe.

Keeping Children Safe in Education (2025) is statutory guidance setting out the statutory duties all schools and colleges must follow with regards to the care of children in their schools and colleges. This document sets out its legal duties that all schools and colleges must comply with. Some of the different area of this document include:

- Physical, emotional, sexual and abuse and neglect
- Female genital mutilation
- Prevent strategy
- Online safety
- Child sexual exploitation
- Peer on peer abuse

Online Safety Information for Parents/Carers

Online safety is an important part of keeping children safe. All of our pupils are taught how to be safe and behave appropriately online, but we can only be successful in keeping children safe online if we work together.

It's important that as adults, we take an active interest in our children's online lives and show a willingness to engage in the digital world with them. If you believe a child is in immediate danger, always contact 999 for police assistance.

Some useful websites for further information:



Think U Know:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

The National Crime Exploitation and Online Protection

Command (NCA-CEOP) have a website which is suitable for children aged 5-16 and have a section just for parents and carers with advice and information.

NSPCC: www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety

The NSPCC have produced resources for parents. Their website covers excellent advice for parents about issues such as online grooming, nude image sharing and cyber bullying as well as specific advice for children with special education needs and disabilities.

NSPCC

Childline: www.childline.org.uk

The Childline website has a wide range of information and advice on both online and offline safety for children. There is information about online gaming, grooming and the Zipit App which helps children feel empowered when confronted with inappropriate chat online. They also provide a helpline for children to get advice over the phone: 0800 1111.



UK Safer Internet Centre:

www.saferinternet.org.uk



UK Safer internet Centre provides a wide variety of advice and guidance to help you discuss online safety with your children. There are useful checklists for privacy settings on social networks and suggestions to consider before buying devices for your children.

Childnet: www.childnet.com



Childnet has resources, including videos and story books to help you discuss online safety with your children. It includes advice on setting up parental controls, cyber bullying and setting up a family agreement for safe internet use.

Internet Matters: www.internetmatters.org

Internet Matters bring you all the information you need to keep your child safe online. It has a tool which guides you through how to set up parental controls on all the different devices in your home to protect children.

