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GLUSBURN COMMUNITY PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

Starting safely: safeguarding culture • attendance • trusted adults

A new school year is a good time to remind everyone that safeguarding is part of everyday school life. At Glusburn, our core message is Ready, Respectful, Safe. We want every child to feel safe, know who they can talk to and attend school regularly so that concerns can be noticed early and support can be offered quickly.

WHO CAN MY CHILD TALK TO?

Children are reminded that they can speak to any trusted adult in school if they feel worried, unsafe, upset or unsure.

This may be their class teacher, teaching assistant, a member of the pastoral team or one of our safeguarding leads.

Our safeguarding team

- Mr Neil Bithell – Deputy Headteacher / DSL
- Mrs Katie Smith – Headteacher / DDSL
- Mrs Linsey Sanderson – Early Years Lead / DDSL
- Mrs Rachel Woodier – Pupil Premium Lead / DDSL

Please encourage your child to tell an adult early if something does not feel right.

ATTENDANCE IS ALSO A SAFEGUARDING ISSUE

Regular attendance supports learning, friendships, routines and wellbeing. It also helps school notice changes and respond when a child or family may need support.

If your child is finding attendance difficult, please contact us early. We want to work with families to understand barriers and find practical solutions.

This year we will continue to:

- monitor attendance closely and identify concerns early;
- contact families supportively when patterns emerge;
- work with families and other agencies where additional help is needed;
- consider individual circumstances, including SEND and emotionally based school avoidance.

A 5-MINUTE FAMILY SAFETY CHECK FOR SEPTEMBER

1. Trusted adults

- Ask: "Who could you speak to at school if you were worried?"
- Help your child name at least two trusted adults.

2. Getting home safely

- Check collection arrangements and who is allowed to collect. Tell us if someone else is collecting your child.
- Remind older children of agreed routes and boundaries.

3. Speaking up

- Reassure your child that they will not be in trouble for telling an adult about something that worries them.
- Encourage them not to keep unsafe secrets.

IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD

Please contact the school and ask to speak to a member of the safeguarding team. You do not need to be certain that something is wrong before sharing a concern — it is better to tell us and allow us to consider the information. If a child is in immediate danger, contact the emergency services.

THIS MONTH'S FAMILY CONVERSATION

Try asking: "If something happened at school, online or on the way home that made you feel worried or uncomfortable, what would you do?" Listen first. Then remind your child: move away if they can, tell a trusted adult and keep telling until someone helps.

PARENT PARTNERSHIP

Throughout 2026-27 we will share a monthly safeguarding focus and offer workshops/drop-ins at key points. If there is a topic you would find particularly useful, please let us know through the school office.

COMING IN OCTOBER

Online safety: devices, gaming, messaging, privacy settings and parental controls — practical steps families can take at home.

Upcoming Social Media ban – what do we need to be doing now?