

# Fountains Primary School Safeguarding Newsletter

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## A Message from Your Safeguarding Team

At Fountains Primary School, the safety and wellbeing of our pupils is our highest priority.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce the school's safeguarding leads:



**Laura Kobylanski**  
Designated  
Safeguarding Lead  
(DSL)



**Charlotte Jones**  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead  
(DDSL)

If you ever have a concern about the safety or wellbeing of a child, please do not hesitate to contact either of us. We are here to listen, support and help.

## How to Report a Safeguarding Concern

If you are worried about a child, no concern is too small.

You can report safeguarding concerns by:

- ✦ Contacting Laura Kobylanski (DSL)
- ✦ Contacting Charlotte Jones (Deputy DSL)
- ✦ Using the safeguarding reporting QR code shown below:



## Our New Mobile Phone Policy

National guidance increasingly recognises the impact that mobile phones and smart devices can have on children's wellbeing, online safety, privacy and learning.

In line with this approach, Fountains Primary School has introduced a new Mobile Phone Policy to help maintain a safe, focused and distraction-free learning environment for all pupils.

### Key points for parents and carers:

- ✦ Fountains Primary School is a **mobile phone-free school** for pupils.
- ✦ Pupils are not permitted to have mobile phones or other mobile devices with them during the school day.
- ✦ If a pupil needs to bring a mobile phone or device to school, it must be handed into the school office on arrival.
- ✦ Devices will be stored securely throughout the school day and returned at the end of the day.
- ✦ Smart devices capable of communication, photography or internet access are also covered by this policy.
- ✦ We kindly ask parents and carers do not use mobile phones whilst on the school site, including during drop-off and collection times.

*These arrangements help us safeguard pupils, minimise distractions, reduce the risk of online harm and support a positive learning environment for everyone.*



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## Updated Child-Friendly Safeguarding Policy

We have recently updated our Child-Friendly Safeguarding Policy.

This policy is written in a way that helps children understand:

- ✦ How we keep them safe.
- ✦ Who they can talk to if they are worried.
- ✦ What they should do if something is making them feel unsafe.
- ✦ How adults in school can help them.

 Read our Child-Friendly Safeguarding Policy here:

## Visit Our Safeguarding Website Page

Our safeguarding page contains useful information for parents and carers, including:

- ✦ Safeguarding policies
- ✦ Online safety information
- ✦ Attendance guidance
- ✦ Support services for families
- ✦ Information about our safeguarding procedures

 Visit our Safeguarding Page:  
<https://www.fountainsprimaryschool.co.uk/safeguarding>

## New Parent Safeguarding Guide

We have recently published our new "Keeping Children Safe at Our School" Safeguarding Information Guide for Parents, Carers and the Wider Community.

This guide explains how we safeguard children, how concerns are identified and managed, and where families can access help and support.

It also includes information about online safety, attendance, wellbeing and how to report a concern.

 Read the guide here:

## Safeguarding Focus of the Half Term

Artificial Intelligence (AI):  
What Parents Need to Know

Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2026 highlights the growing safeguarding risks associated with artificial intelligence (AI), including AI-generated images, videos and online interactions. Schools are expected to help children understand these risks and learn how to use technology safely.

Top Tips for Parents and Carers:

- ✦ Talk about AI at home. Many children are already using AI tools through apps, games and websites. Encourage your child to tell you if they use AI and discuss how it can sometimes provide inaccurate or misleading information.
- ✦ Be aware of fake images and videos AI can create realistic images, videos and voice recordings, sometimes called "deepfakes". Help your child understand that not everything they see online is real.
- ✦ Remind children not to share personal information Children should never share personal details, photographs or passwords with AI chatbots or online tools.
- ✦ Encourage children to speak up If your child sees something online that worries them, or if someone uses AI to create upsetting or harmful content, encourage them to tell a trusted adult immediately.

## Remember!

AI can be a useful tool, but it also presents new online safety challenges. By talking openly about technology and maintaining an interest in your child's online activities, you can help them stay safe in an increasingly digital world.