

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT



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'Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023' reminds us that safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play. This means that they should always consider what is in the best interests of the child. At Micklefield, we believe that it is vital for our children to have opportunities to learn how to stay safe both in and outside of school—learning that comes from parents and also the staff at Micklefield. Safeguarding awareness and understanding of such things as peer on peer abuse, child sexual exploitation, bullying, domestic abuse, discrimination, inequality, drugs & alcohol abuse, mental health, grooming etc. all start with the knowledge and skills we introduce at school. Here are some examples:

- Online safety lessons
- Healthy eating focus in science
- PSHE and RSE curricula
- Safeguarding newsletters which create talking points with children and families about keeping safe
- Mental wellbeing support on school website
- Pastoral care for pupils and families
- Behaviour policy and practise in school
- Mental Health awareness and support from MindMate
- Links with the NSPCC initiatives
- Transition work from pre-school settings to Reception and Year 6 to Year 7
- Road and rail safety work
- Pupil voice groups in all aspects of the curriculum
- Local community representatives to support the curriculum such as PCSOs, Police, Fire Safety etc

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Children's Mental Health Week is a mental health awareness week that empowers, equips and gives a voice to all children and young people in the UK.

Everyone can take part in Children's Mental Health Week! Download the free resources for schools and families by clicking on the pictures below, and find out how you can take part to raise awareness for children's mental health.

Children's Mental Health Week was launched in 2015 and each year, hundreds of schools, children, parents and carers take part. Now in its 10th year, our theme is 'My Voice Matters'.



Our Safeguarding Team

You can always speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads if you have a worry about any child.



Mrs E. Cook

Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs C Loring

Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Miss J Wathen

Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs C Fell

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Useful Acronyms & Vocabulary about Safeguarding

DSL: Designated Safeguarding Lead

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

SPOC: Single Point of SPOC Contact (PREVENT) - responsible for preventing children being impacted by extremism

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

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

KCSiE – Keeping Children Safe in Education

ACEs – Adverse childhood experiences

CIN – Child in need

CP – Child protection

Domestic Abuse

Domestic abuse is any type of controlling, bullying, threatening or violent behaviour between people in a relationship. It can seriously harm children and young people and witnessing domestic abuse is child abuse.

It's important to remember domestic abuse:

- can happen inside and outside the home
- can happen over the phone, on the internet and on social networking sites
- can happen in any relationship and can continue even after the relationship has ended
- both men and women can be abused or abusers.

Domestic abuse can be emotional, physical, sexual, financial or psychological, such as:

- kicking, hitting, punching or cutting ☒ rape (including in a relationship)
- controlling someone's finances by withholding money or stopping someone earning ☒ controlling behaviour, like telling someone where they can go and what they can wear
- not letting someone leave the house
- reading emails, text messages or letters
- threatening to kill someone or harm them
- threatening to another family member or pet.

Living in a home where domestic abuse happens can have a serious impact on a child or young person's mental and physical wellbeing, as well as their behaviour. And this can last into adulthood. If you are experiencing domestic abuse or are concerned about someone who may be, you can contact the following for advice and support:

[National Domestic Violence Helpline](#) 0808 2000 247 - A 24 hour free helpline run in partnership between Women's Aid and Refuge.

[Men's Advice Line](#) 0808 801 0327 - Advice and support for men experiencing domestic abuse

[Leeds Domestic Violence Service](#) 0113 246 0401 – Advice and support for all people in Leeds

[Behind Closed Doors](#) – Advice and support for all people in Leeds