

SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2026



**WELCOME BACK AFTER THE EASTER
BREAK. WE HOPE YOU HAD A SAFE AND
ENJOYABLE HALF TERM**

This month we will be holding a 'Safeguarding Awareness Week' from the 20th to the 24th of April. During this time, all pupils will take part in a range of safeguarding activities designed to build their understanding and awareness.

We will also be welcoming visitors into school, covering topics from oral health, the importance of attendance, to road safety and keeping safe in the community.

We hope this will be a valuable week of learning, helping pupils understand the importance of safeguarding at Widden.

THE SAFEGUARDING CURRICULUM

Everything that we do has the children at the centre. Their wellbeing, safety, achievement, and happiness underpins every decision we make. Often, when safeguarding is mentioned, the immediate thought is about child protection - when a child is suffering harm, or is in danger of suffering harm. However, safeguarding is much more complex than this and encompasses a very wide range of areas.

At Widden, we ensure that all of our staff are well trained in all aspects of safeguarding and this training is regularly updated and frequently revisited throughout the year.

We also ensure that our curriculum provides the children with age-appropriate opportunities to learn how to keep themselves healthy and safe.

We believe that one of the best ways to safeguard children is to equip them with the knowledge and skills to be able to keep themselves safe. Safeguarding themes are interwoven throughout our curriculum and the opportunities we offer in school. Some examples include:

- Our 'Values' assemblies which are delivered to all children from EYFS to Y6
- Online safety days with age-appropriate workshops
- Online safety discussions within computing and other relevant lessons
- Involvement in Anti-Bullying Week and Mental Health Awareness Week among others
- Relationships, Sex & Health Education (RSHE) lessons
- Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE) lessons

WHAT IS A DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD?

Each school must have an appropriate senior member of staff to take lead responsibility for child protection. Key aspects of the 'Designated Safeguarding Lead' role include:

- Ensuring that **all** staff are aware of the processes for raising safeguarding concerns
- Ensuring all staff understand the signs of child abuse and neglect
- Referring any significant concerns to Social Care
- Monitoring children who are the subject of Child Protection and CiN (Child in Need) Plans
- Maintaining accurate and secure child protection records
- Raising awareness of the school's safeguarding policies and procedures, and ensuring these are implemented and reviewed regularly

Safeguarding Team



**If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing,
please speak to a member of our Safeguarding Team.**

We are here to help and listen.