



Safeguarding Newsletter

Autumn Term 2025



WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT A CHILD?

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Deputies straightaway.

If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police on 999

Meet the Designated Safeguarding Team:

The Safeguarding Team oversee and co-ordinate all aspects of the school's work to ensure that children are kept safe.

They regularly attend training to ensure their skills and knowledge are up to-date.

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs S. Fawn



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:



Mrs K. Patterson

Miss D. Richardson

All can be contacted via the office or by telephone on: 01472 691887

For a copy of our school's Child Protection Policy, please visit the Safeguarding page on our school website:

[Child Protection Policy](#)

Safeguarding & Child Protection is the most important issue for our children and young people. At Old Clee Primary Academy, we feel it is crucial to work with our parents/carers and the multi agencies that support schools and young people, so that we can offer a safe environment allowing children to be aware of the risks they may face and how to respond to them safely.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility

At Old Clee Primary Academy we have the attitude of 'it could happen here' where safeguarding is concerned.

The well-being and safety of our children is at the very centre of school life. Please be reassured that the issues covered here are dealt with in school in a sensitive and entirely age-appropriate way. We have a moral and legal duty to raise awareness and provide this information.

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025

'Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025' is a statutory Department for Education document that all schools are required to follow when carrying out their duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. It covers many aspects of safeguarding, including different forms of abuse, early help processes, safer-recruitment, how concerns must be reported and the role of the Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development
- Ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

Click here for the full document:

[DfE Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025](#)

Safeguarding & Attendance

We know that regular school attendance is closely linked to children's safety and well-being. When a child is frequently absent, it can sometimes be an early sign that a family may need extra support, or that there could be a safeguarding concern. A child who is not in school is missing out not only on learning, but also on important social, emotional, and developmental opportunities.

Attending school every day is essential for your child's progress and overall happiness. Education is a basic right, and it provides the foundation for future opportunities and personal growth. When children attend consistently, they benefit fully from lessons, friendships, and the routine that helps them thrive.

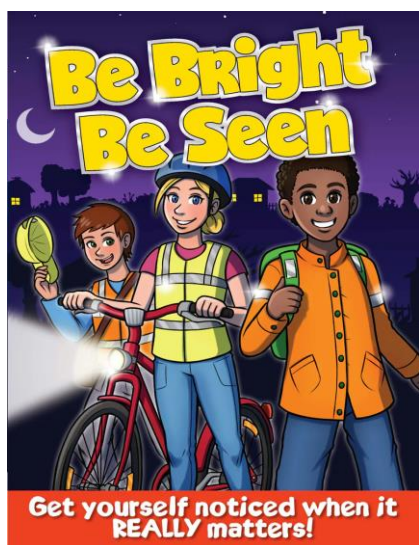
Poor attendance, however, can create gaps in learning, affect confidence, and lead to social difficulties. In more serious cases, ongoing absence may be seen as educational neglect, as it prevents a child from accessing the education and skills they need for a successful future.

By supporting your child to attend school regularly, you are helping them stay safe, learn effectively, and build the best possible foundation for their future.

In line with our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and our Attendance Policy (both available on our website), we ask parents and carers to contact the school office **every day** their child is absent.

Please telephone the school on **01472 691887** to let us know the reason for the absence. If your child is absent and we have not received medical evidence where required, a member of our team will carry out a home visit to check on their well-being.

Road Safety



At this time of year, I always like to remind everyone about the vulnerability of children near our roads. With reduced visibility as evenings close in and the autumn / winter weather this becomes even more relevant. Below are my annual safety tips so that you can discuss with your child/ren how important it is to be visible when near roads.

These tips emphasise how wearing brightly coloured clothing shows up well in daylight but, as it gets dark, reflective clothing and accessories are far more effective in signalling pedestrians or cyclists to drivers.

If you're a driver, remember it will be more difficult for you to see pedestrians and cyclists when it's dark or raining / snowing. Unlike this image, not everyone will be dressed in bright colours or reflective clothing. Children and others often wear dark coloured school uniform, winter coats or blazers.

For more information and activities to do around this topic with your child(ren) please visit:

<https://www.think.gov.uk/resource/be-bright-be-seen-game/>

Pastoral Support

We offer comprehensive pastoral support that plays a crucial role in fostering the personal development of our pupils. Through a holistic approach to education, we ensure our pupils' emotional well-being and mental health are prioritised alongside their academic achievements. To help support this we have Mrs K. Patterson, our DDSL, Mrs A. Hazlewood-Collins, behaviour and welfare lead, Miss J. Webster ELSA, and our SENDCo, Mrs L. Mills. Our commitment to safeguarding and well-being is deeply integrated into our daily operations, providing children with the confidence and resilience needed to thrive both in and out of the classroom.