

Lakeside's Spotlight

on safeguarding, wellbeing and attendance

Working Together to Keep Every Child Safe, Happy, and Supported

At Lakeside Primary Academy, pupil safety, happiness, and emotional wellbeing are at the heart of everything we do. In line with national Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) statutory guidelines and Ebor Academy Trust core values, we maintain a proactive partnership with parents and carers. This newsletter provides practical guidance on digital safety, safe journeys around Clifton Moor, attendance, and how to reach our safeguarding team whenever you need advice.

Digital Safety & Online Wellbeing



Navigating the online world requires consistent, age-appropriate boundaries to keep primary-aged children safe online:

- **Communal Family Spaces:** Keep internet-connected devices, tablets, smartphones, and gaming consoles in shared living spaces rather than bedrooms, especially overnight.
- **Screen Time Boundaries:** Establish clear daily digital schedules to protect sleep routines, physical play, and homework focus.
- **Age Ratings & Privacy Filters:** Be aware of minimum age recommendations (WhatsApp 13+/16+, TikTok 13+, Roblox and YouTube requiring active parental controls and strict privacy settings).
- **Open Dialogue:** Reassure your child that they can always speak to you or a trusted staff member at school if they encounter anything concerning online. text

Recommended Parent E-Safety Resources

Set up free parental controls across home broadband and mobile devices. Step-by-step guides for parents are available via NCA-CEOP Thinkuknow (www.thinkuknow.co.uk) and NSPCC Learning (www.nspcc.org.uk).

Safe Journeys to Lakeside Primary

Keeping children safe on their journeys to and from school around Oakdale Road and Clifton Moor:

- **Be Bright, Be Seen:** As daylight hours shorten during autumn and winter, encourage children to wear bright or reflective outerwear and bag clips.
- **Pedestrian Vigilance:** Reinforce safe road-crossing habits along busy routes around Clifton Moor and nearby footpaths.
- **Considerate Parking:** Please park responsibly away from school gates, zig-zag markings, and local driveways to maintain clear sightlines for walking pupils.

Attendance, Health & Inclusion Support

The Department for Education defines persistent absence as a student missing 10% or more of their possible school sessions. This means a child is absent for around 19 days or more over the school year.

- **Every Day Counts:** Punctual, regular attendance builds learning confidence and strong peer connections. Please inform the office promptly of any unavoidable absence.
- **Emotional Resilience:** We provide nurture and wellbeing support across EYFS through Year 6. Reach out to your child's class teacher if you notice signs of anxiety.
- **SEND Provision:** Dedicated special educational needs support is coordinated by our SENCO, Mrs Julie George, working closely alongside the York SEND Local Offer.

Why is school attendance so important?

Attending school **regularly** helps to build **confidence** and develop vital **life skills**



School is the **key** to **future success!**

15 minutes late every day

=

two weeks of learning lost each school year



Missing **2 days** of school each month = Missing nearly **3 weeks** during a school year



Data shows pupils with more than **95% attendance** Achieve better GCSE results! **at least one grade higher!**

Even **90% attendance** is still 19 days of education lost in a school year



By 8:30am

If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school office before 08:30 with full details of your child's illness/symptoms. If you leave a voicemail or send an email, the office will still phone, just to touch base.

If we do not hear from you, we will ring you to find out why your child is not in school. If we can not make contact we will email, text and ring all of your contacts. We will also check with siblings in other schools.

By 10am

If there we do not know where your child is by 10.00am we will conduct a wellbeing call to the house to ensure everyone is safe.

If we still do not know why your child is not in school we will consider seeking advice from other agencies which may include a call to a sibling's school or a police welfare call.

Key Safeguarding contacts & Reporting Concerns



If you ever have a concern regarding the safety or welfare of a child, please contact our school team or external support services immediately:

Keeping children safe is everybody's responsibility

If you are worried about a child you can speak in confidence to your local children's safeguarding team on 0300 131 2 131

Please be aware your school's safeguarding lead is Mrs Evans and they are available in school hours to discuss your concerns.

Don't think 'What if I am wrong? Think 'What if I am right?'



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Useful Contacts - Click on the links for further information.

Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) - Office hours -
01904 551900

Out of hours Emergency Duty can be contacted on 0300 131
2131.

If you believe a child is at immediate risk call 999



Dates



Monday 12th October -
Wednesday 14th October at 9am
Friday 16th October Key Stage 1
Friday 23rd October Key Stage 2
Friday 23rd October
Monday 26th October
Monday 2nd November
Wednesday 4th November 3:30-4:30
Wednesday 4th November 6-7pm
Wednesday 4th November 9am
Monday 9th November
Wednesday 12th November
Thursday 12th November
Friday 13th November
Wednesday 9th December (am)
Thursday 10th December (am)
Wednesday 16th December

Whole School Individual Photos
Reception Early Reading meeting (inc a Stay & Read session)
Harvest Festival at the church
Harvest Festival at the church (Details to follow)
Halloween Disco (Details to follow)
Half term starts (School closed for 1 week)
School opens
Open Doors (Details to follow)
Early Years Grand Opening
Y1 Phonics Screening Meeting (inc a Stay & Read session)
Parents Meetings 3:30-5:30
Parents Meetings 3:30-7pm
Non-uniform Day (Wear whatever makes you happy)
Training Day (School closed)
EYFS Christmas Concert
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KS2 Carols around the Christmas tree.

Lakeside's Baby & Toddler Group

We are delighted to announce the re-launch of our Lakeside Baby & Toddler Group.

The group is completely FREE and open to any pre-school children aged 0–4 years, along with their parents, grandparents or carers. It's a wonderful opportunity for little ones to play, explore, and socialise, and for parents to connect with other local families.

 **17** Start Date: Every Monday morning

 Time: 8:40 am – 10:00 am

 Location: Lakeside Primary Academy (in the previous pre-school building)

 Cost: FREE (tea, coffee, milk & snacks provided)

No booking required — just come along and join the fun!

Miss Pillinger and Mrs Whittaker look forward to seeing you there.

