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Safeguarding News –Autumn term 2 2026

If you are worried about a child or need any advice, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our Safeguarding Team. This can be via the office or by email dsl@uppernidderdalefed.school


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Keeping Our Children Safe: Farm Safety in Our Rural Community

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into winter, we're focusing on **farm safety** - a crucial issue for our rural community in Nidderdale.

Why Farm Safety Matters
Many of our families live on or near farms. While farms are wonderful places for children to learn and play, they also present unique risks. Tragically, children are injured or killed on farms every year.

Key Risks for Children:

- Heavy machinery and vehicles
- Livestock (even familiar animals can be unpredictable)
- Slurry pits and water hazards
- Chemical storage areas
- Heights (hay bales, buildings)
- Quad bikes and other farm vehicles

What You Can Do:

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1. **Create safe play areas** away from working farm areas
2. **Supervise constantly** - never assume a child understands the dangers
3. **Teach specific safety rules:**
    - Never play near machinery
    - Always tell an adult where you're going
    - Never enter animal pens alone
    - Stay away from slurry pits and water
4. **Make machinery safe** - remove keys, secure ladders, lock cabs
5. **Secure chemicals and fuel** in locked storage

Talk to Your Children:
Use age-appropriate language to explain:

- Why certain areas are dangerous
- What to do if they see something unsafe
- Who to tell if they're worried

Resources:

- Farm Safety Foundation (Yellow Wellies campaign)
- HSE: Children and Young People on Farms
- Your local NFU office

Remember: Staff do not assume a colleague, or another professional will act and share information that might be critical in keeping children safe - this applies to parents too. If you see something concerning, speak up.

Bonfire Safety

With Bonfire Night approaching, please remind children about the importance of staying safe around bonfires and fireworks. Children should never play with fireworks, sparklers or matches, and should always be supervised by a responsible adult when attending displays or being near bonfires. Please take time to talk to your child about keeping a safe distance and following safety advice to ensure everyone enjoys the celebrations safely.

If you need support please let us know by emailing
familysupportworker@uppernidderdalefed.school

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