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(UN Convention on the Rights of a Child)

Safeguarding News –Summer 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: Summer Holidays and Staying Safe

As we approach the summer holidays, this final newsletter focuses on **keeping children safe during the long break** and reinforces key messages from the year.

Staying Safe During the Holidays:

Structure and Supervision:

- Long unsupervised periods increase vulnerability
- Know where your child is and who they're with
- Maintain regular routines where possible
- Plan activities to keep children engaged

Online Safety in the Holidays:

- Screen time often increases during holidays
- Maintain the rules and boundaries you've set
- Continue regular conversations about online activity
- Technology, and risks and harms related to it, evolve, and change rapidly Keeping Children Safe in Education - stay informed

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County Lines - Summer Vulnerability:

Children can be targeted and recruited into county lines in a number of locations including any type of schools (including special schools), further and higher educational institutions, pupil referral units, children's homes and care homes. Children are also increasingly being targeted and recruited online using social media Keeping Children Safe in Education.

During holidays, children may be more vulnerable because:

- Less routine and supervision
- More free time
- Potential financial pressures
- Boredom and seeking excitement

Stay alert to the warning signs

Farm Safety - Busy Summer Period:

Summer is one of the busiest times on farms:

- Silage making
- Hay baling
- Increased machinery use
- Children home from school and around more

Reinforce safety messages:

- Designated safe play areas only
- Never play on or near machinery
- Respect all farm animals
- Always tell an adult where you're going

Safeguarding Doesn't Stop for Summer:

If staff have any concerns about a child's welfare, they should act on them immediately Keeping Children Safe in Education - and this applies to parents too.

If you're worried about a child:

- **During school holidays, contact:**
 - Police: 999 (emergency) or 101
 - Children's Social Care: [insert local authority contact]
 - NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
 - Childline (for children): 0800 1111
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Key Messages to Reinforce with Your Child:

1. **Online:** Never share personal information; tell a trusted adult if anything worries you
2. **Farm safety:** Stay in safe areas; machinery and animals are dangerous
3. **County lines:** You can always say no; if someone makes you uncomfortable, tell an adult

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4. **General:** You are never in trouble for telling us you're worried

Summer Activities and Resources:

Keep children engaged with:

- Local library summer reading challenge
- Free outdoor activities (nature walks, parks)
- Community events
- Structured holiday clubs where possible

Looking Ahead:

Thank you for engaging with our safeguarding newsletters this year. We'll continue this focus next academic year, building on the foundations we've established together.

Remember: Staff working with children should maintain an attitude of 'it could happen here' where safeguarding is concerned Keeping Children Safe in Education - we ask parents to adopt the same mindset.

Final Reminder - Who to Contact:

During term time:

- School DSL: Nicola Wilkinson
- Deputy DSL: As listed above

During holidays or emergencies:

- Police: 999 (emergency) or 101
- Children's Social Care: [insert contact]
- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
- School DSL email is monitored during the holidays:
DSL@uppernidderdalefed.school

Have a safe and happy summer!

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

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