

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you once again to those who took the time to complete our recent safeguarding survey. This year we had responses from 43 parents and carers. We are very grateful for your feedback and for the confidence many of you continue to place in us to keep your children safe, happy and well supported at school.

It was particularly encouraging to hear from parents who feel confident raising concerns with us, and from those who have seen the positive impact of staff listening to and responding to their children's individual needs. We were especially pleased to receive comments such as:

- *"Staff have listened and acted on [my child's] concerns and needs throughout the year and as a result he is growing in confidence. Thank-you!"*
- *"Feel confident speaking about any issues that need to be raised. Very helpful and understanding thank you."*
- *"I was especially thankful to the school for explaining an incident ... and clarifying all the rumours and issues I had. Loughton school and members have provided a safe place for my child."*

We also received some feedback which has prompted us to reflect on how we can continue to strengthen our practice and communication.

Knowing who to speak to

Our safeguarding team for the **2026–27 academic year** is available on our school website, alongside further information about our safeguarding arrangements: [Safeguarding & Child Protection Team](#)

We also display safeguarding information around school and share key information with families through ParentMail communications throughout the year.

Please be assured that safeguarding is not something that happens only when a concern arises. It is embedded throughout school life. Our staff receive regular safeguarding training, and we already have training planned for our INSET day at the start of the new academic year, including updates relating to *Keeping Children Safe in Education 2026*. We will also begin the year with our Relationships Week, giving staff dedicated time to get to know their new classes, establish positive relationships and help children feel safe, listened to and confident in seeking help when they need it.

We recognise that different children will feel comfortable speaking to different adults. Our aim is to ensure that children know there are trusted adults in school they can approach, while also working closely with parents and carers when concerns arise.

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Mobile phones

One parent suggested that there should be no access to mobile phones in school. We would like to reassure parents that children do not have access to mobile phones during the school day, with the exception of where a phone is required to support a child's medical needs, such as diabetes management. In these circumstances, appropriate arrangements are put in place to ensure the child can safely access the technology they need. Our arrangements are compliant with the recent June 2026 statutory guidance on mobile phones in schools.

Children in Years 5 and 6 who walk or cycle home independently may bring a mobile phone to school where this is necessary for their journey home. The phone must be switched off and is stored securely at reception during the school day, before being returned to the child at the end of the day. This established arrangement has worked well for our school for many years.

A reminder for September

If there have been any changes to your family's circumstances or any events over the summer holiday that you feel may affect your child's wellbeing, we encourage you to let the school know before or as soon as your child returns in September. Sharing relevant information with us helps us to provide the right support and ensure your child has the best possible start to the new school year. All information will be treated sensitively and shared only with staff who need to know in order to support your child.

Thank you once again for taking the time to share your views. Your feedback helps us to reflect on what we do well and identify where we can continue to improve. We are proud of the safe, caring and supportive environment we provide for our pupils and will continue to work hard to ensure that every child feels safe, listened to and valued.

Best wishes,

Ellie Frost
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