



Safeguarding Newsletter

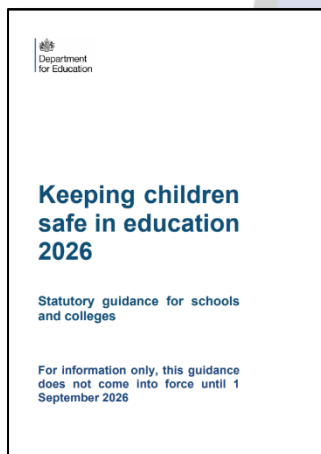
Keeping Children Safe Because Every Child Matters

At Banks Road Primary School, safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Creating a safe, happy and nurturing environment is at the heart of everything we do. We are committed to ensuring that every child feels secure, valued, listened to and supported so that they can thrive both academically and personally.

Our safeguarding procedures follow the statutory guidance set out in **Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2026**, ensuring that all children receive the support and protection they need.

Safeguarding includes protecting children from:



- ✓ Abuse and neglect
- ✓ Domestic abuse
- ✓ Online risks and harm
- ✓ Child-on-child abuse
- ✓ Exploitation
- ✓ Any situation that may impact a child's safety, wellbeing or development

We work closely with families and external agencies to ensure children receive the right help at the right time.

Together, we can help every child feel safe, supported and ready to learn.

Operation Encompass

Banks Road Primary School is proud to be part of **Operation Encompass**, a national initiative that helps schools provide immediate support for children who may have been affected by domestic abuse.

Through Operation Encompass, schools are informed before the start of the next school day when a child has been present during, witnessed, or been affected by a domestic abuse incident.

This information is shared confidentially with trained members of staff so that we can provide appropriate support and understanding when children arrive at school.

The **Domestic Abuse Act 2021** recognises children who experience domestic abuse as victims in their own right, highlighting the importance of providing support at the earliest opportunity.

At Banks Road, we are committed to ensuring that every child feels safe, valued and understood.

British Values Spotlight

Respect and Tolerance

One of our key values at Banks Road is **Respect**.

Respect means treating others kindly, valuing differences and recognising that everyone matters. Tolerance helps us understand that people may have different beliefs, cultures, backgrounds and experiences from our own.

By promoting respect and tolerance, we help children to:

- ★ Develop positive relationships
- ★ Show kindness and empathy
- ★ Celebrate diversity
- ★ Understand the importance of equality
- ★ Become responsible members of their community



At Banks Road, we believe that every person deserves to feel accepted, respected and valued.

Respect helps our school community flourish.

Supporting Children's Wellbeing

The Importance of Sleep

Good sleep plays a vital role in children's wellbeing, learning and development.

Children who get enough sleep are more likely to:

- ✓ Feel happy and settled
- ✓ Concentrate in lessons
- ✓ Regulate their emotions
- ✓ Develop healthy habits
- ✓ Be ready to learn each day

A consistent bedtime routine can make a significant difference.

Top Tip

Turn off screens at least **one hour before bedtime.**

The light emitted from phones, tablets and other devices can affect the production of melatonin, the hormone that helps us sleep.

Instead, try:

-  Reading a book together
-  Listening to an audiobook
-  Relaxing music
-  Quiet family time before bed

Recommended Sleep Guidelines

Ages 3–5: 11-14 hours



Ages 6-12: 10-13 hours

Healthy sleep routines support children's wellbeing, learning and attendance.

Keeping Your Information Up To Date

To keep children safe, it is essential that we hold accurate information for every family.

Please take a few moments to check that the school has your most up-to-date:

- ✓ Home address
- ✓ Telephone numbers
- ✓ Emergency contacts
- ✓ Medical information
- ✓ Dietary requirements
- ✓ Collection arrangements

If any details have changed, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Having accurate information allows us to respond quickly and effectively should we ever need to contact you.

Thank you for helping us keep our records up to date.

Attendance and Safeguarding



Banks Road Primary School

Attendance Policy

Provenance/ Author	Person(s) Responsible	Version	Reviewers	Effective Date	Recommended Review Date	Distribution
LA	Headteacher	V1	Governors	September 2024	September 2025	All Staff
LA	Headteacher	V2	Governors	September 2025	September 2026	All Staff
Deputy Headteacher	Headteacher	V3	Governors	July 2026	July 2027	All Staff

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Good attendance is an important part of safeguarding.

When children attend school regularly, they benefit from:

- ★ Consistent learning
- ★ Positive friendships
- ★ Strong routines
- ★ Improved wellbeing
- ★ Opportunities to access support when needed

At Banks Road, we work in partnership with families to promote excellent attendance and identify any barriers as early as possible.

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please inform the school office as early as possible each day of absence.

Every day in school supports children's learning, wellbeing and future success.

Every day matters because every child matters.

Important Information About Holidays During Term Time

As outlined in national attendance guidance, Headteachers may only authorise leave during term time in **exceptional circumstances**.

Family holidays are not normally considered exceptional circumstances.

Unauthorised leave may result in:

- A Penalty Notice being issued
- Further action in line with local authority and national guidance

If you believe exceptional circumstances apply, please contact the Headteacher directly.

Our team is always available to provide support and guidance regarding attendance.

Working Together to Keep Children Safe

Safeguarding is most effective when schools and families work together.

By maintaining strong communication, promoting good attendance, supporting children's wellbeing and ensuring information is kept up to date, we can provide the safest possible environment for every child.

Thank you for your continued support.

Together, we can do it! 💙 💛

