

Durley CE Primary School
Safeguarding and Well-being Bulletin – Autumn Term 2026

At Durley CE Primary School, safeguarding remains our highest priority. We are committed to ensuring that every child feels safe, valued, listened to and protected. As we begin the new academic year, we would like to share some important updates for parents and carers regarding safeguarding guidance and new legislation.

"Rooted in Love, Growing in Respect, Living with Forgiveness."

In school, we have two members of staff trained as Safeguarding Leaders. We are here to help.

Designated Safeguarding Leader (DSL)

Mrs Caroline Grist

Deputy Safeguarding Leaders

Mrs Jenny Dew

Following Mr Firth's departure, we plan to train two more staff as DSLs during the autumn term.

Concerns can be discussed with a DSL/DDSL in person or by phone. If you have any concerns, please just come and see us.

Benedict's Law

One of the most significant developments in child safety this year is the introduction of **Benedict's Law**, named after **Benedict Blythe**, a five-year-old boy who tragically died following an allergic reaction at school in 2021.

What Does Benedict's Law Mean?

- ✓ Whole-school allergy policies
- ✓ Annual staff allergy awareness training
- ✓ Improved emergency response procedures
- ✓ Individual healthcare plans for pupils with significant allergies

At our recent INSET, this was a huge focus for us. Read overleaf to find out the steps we have taken already.

Changes to Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2026

The Department for Education's statutory safeguarding guidance, **Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2026**, came into force on 1 September 2026. All schools in England must follow this guidance.

All Staff Must Read Part One

Previously, some staff who did not work directly with children could read a shorter safeguarding summary. From September 2026, **all school staff are expected to read Part One of KCSIE**, ensuring everyone shares the same safeguarding knowledge and responsibilities.

Continued Focus on Online Safety

Schools continue to strengthen their approaches to:

- Online bullying
- Harmful online content
- Social media risks
- Online exploitation
- Artificial intelligence (AI) and emerging technologies

Parents are encouraged to regularly discuss online safety with their children and monitor age-appropriate use of devices and apps.

Early Help and Mental Health

The guidance reinforces the importance of identifying concerns early and providing support before problems escalate. Schools, families and external agencies are encouraged to work together to ensure children receive help at the earliest opportunity.

🔔 DEVICE SAFETY AT DURLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

📱 Phones • ⌚ Smart Watches • 🌐 Staying Safe

🔒 Our priority is keeping children safe, focused on learning and protecting everyone's privacy during the school day.

📱 Mobile Phones

- ✅ Children should first go to class and register with their teacher.
- ✅ If a child brings a mobile phone to school, it should then be taken to the school office for safe storage.
- ✅ Phones are stored securely throughout the school day.
- ✅ Phones should be collected from the office at the end of the day.
- ❌ Phones must remain switched off whilst on school premises.
- ❌ Phones should not be switched on until your child has left the school site.

⌚ Smart Watches

We kindly ask that children do not wear smart watches to school.

Many smart watches can: 📷 Take photographs

- 💬 Send messages
- 🌐 Access the internet
- 🎧 Record audio

To help us safeguard all children and minimise distractions, smart watches should be left at home.

At Durley CE Primary School we are:

- Providing updated allergy and anaphylaxis training for staff.
- Reviewing our medical and allergy procedures.
- Ensuring healthcare plans are up to date.
- Checking emergency medication arrangements.

Parents can help by ensuring the school is informed about:

- New allergy diagnoses
- Changes to medication
- Updated healthcare plans
- Any incidents or concerns outside school

🔴 Why Are We Asking This?

🔒 We Protect Children

- Prevents online risks
- Protects privacy
- Stops unauthorised photographs or messaging
- Helps staff know where devices are at all times

🎓 We Support Learning

- Reduces distractions
- Keeps children focused
- Promotes responsible technology use
- Creates a calm learning environment

Early Years Autism Training 2026-2027

previously known as THOMAS

For supporting children aged five and under with social communication/Autism

This 3-day course is designed to develop and improve the educational experience of Hampshire children with social communication differences. It is suitable for parents and staff across a range of educational settings working with children throughout the early years foundation stage. Run by two Educational Psychologists, this course offers a balance of theoretical perspectives, including the nature of the Autism and in-depth practical approaches and supportive strategies.

What is included

- A combination of whole group teaching, tutor demonstrations, small group work and practice sessions. Cohort size; approx. 30
- Refreshments and course materials (lunch is not provided).

Spring Term 2027

9.30am-3.30pm
Session 1 – 23 February 2027
Session 2 – 02 March 2027
Session 3 – 09 March 2027

Venue – Winchester

£375 per professional
£55 per parent

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Deadline
for booking –
18 December 2026

We have had information about this training course for parents sent to us.

If you would like to book – follow the information on the flyer to the left of this box.