

SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

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SPOTLIGHT ON... OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM





Safeguarding at ARH is led by Ann-Marie Kedzior (Headteacher) and Carla Lawes (Senior Assistant Headteacher), who are our Designated Safeguarding Leads or DSLs. They are supported by a team of Deputy DSLs: Mrs Colley, Mrs Elverstone, Mrs Nanda, Mr Holder and Mr Gregory. Ms Johnson supports the safeguarding team where there are concerns related to attendance.

Our Safeguarding Team can be recognised by our red lanyards and from posters around the school. This information is shared with the children on an annual basis. If ever you have a safeguarding concern, please don't hesitate to let us know.



Safeguarding

If you have any concerns regarding the safeguarding or welfare of a child or family in school, please speak in confidence to one of the following people.

 Ann-Marie Kedzior Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Carla Lawes Designated Safeguarding Lead	
 Samuel Gregory Deputy DSL	 Emma Colley Deputy DSL	 Krupa Nanda Deputy DSL
 Wayne Holder Deputy DSL	 Holli Elverstone Deputy DSL	<div>Our DSLs can be identified by their red lanyards.</div>

BONFIRE NIGHT SAFETY

Did you know that if three sparklers burn together, they will do so at the same heat as a blowtorch used for joining metal?

We are about to enter the season of fireworks and while these can be an absolute joy, it's important our children know how to stay safe, such as always wearing gloves when holding sparklers and never doing so without an adult nearby. Find out more information on bonfire night safety [here](#) and [here](#) and there's a helpful video [here](#).



TRICK OR TREAT!

If your little monster is going trick or treating this year, make sure they are confident with their road safety before going out and about and always trick or treat with a responsible adult. It might be a good idea to ensure they have good visibility in their costume (beware masks!) and have reflective tape or stickers on their clothes. Find out more [here](#).



USEFUL CONTACTS

Would your child know what to do if they needed to talk to someone? Make sure you discuss who they could talk to regularly.

Childline helpline: 0800 1111

[NSPCC](#)

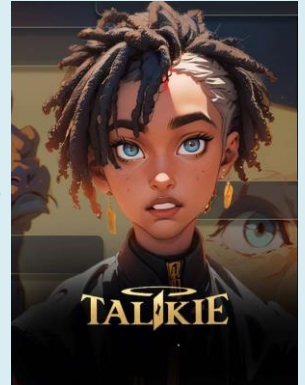
SOLIHULL APPROACH PARENTING

Leicester City buys into [Solihull Online](#) which provides really helpful parenting courses and support. It's available in 108 different languages and parents and carers who have previously accessed it have found it very helpful.

Online Safety

Talkie AI

There is a new online programme called Talkie AI which some children in the local area have been accessing. Talkie AI is a platform for users aged 17+ and is not designed for children. Users can chat and interact with custom-created AI companions and other real-life users. Users (linked to a subscription) can access mature and adult only content



Talkie AI contains a link to Discord, which is available in the Teenager Mode. Discord is a messaging platform with minimal monitoring capabilities which poses many potential dangers to children.

Children already find it difficult to navigate the world of AI. This platform could further confuse pupils in their understanding that 'not everything online is real'.

If you need help to support your child accessing the internet at home, there is lots of friendly advice and guidance at the Internet Matters [website](#).

Online Safety Support

We have lots of guides and support resources for navigating the world of online safety available on the school website. These cover a range of social media sites and are available in several different languages. These can be found [here](#).

Age Ratings

We recently had an assembly for our pupils in Years 5 and 6 delivered by our local police. They were keen to remind our pupils of the minimum age restrictions on most social media apps meaning they shouldn't be used by pupils in primary schools. One of the main concerns was the number of children who said they were playing games with an 18-age rating. Playing games of this nature can have a negative impact on children, including on their behaviour and mental wellbeing. It can be difficult to know what to say or do when your child wants to play games that are not appropriate for them, especially when their friends are playing them. Guidance on what to do can be found [here](#).