



At Bagthorpe, **safeguarding is not just a responsibility but a core part of our ethos**. We **uphold** this commitment by creating a safe, nurturing, and inclusive environment for all children.

We **embed** safeguarding across our curriculum to ensure children are **equipped** with the knowledge, understanding, and skills to keep themselves **safe in various contexts**.

Our curriculum allows **every child** to experience the diversity of life, gain knowledge, develop skills, and deepen their understanding in ways that contribute to their personal development, behaviour, and welfare. It equips them with the knowledge and tools to safeguard themselves and others effectively.

This approach is **reinforced through our PSHE curriculum**, which ensures safeguarding is thoughtfully and sensitively addressed in all relevant areas. We understand that some topics may require **adaptation** to meet the needs of individual children, teaching them in small groups or even one to one where necessary, while ensuring lessons remain **age appropriate**.

We encourage children to **think critically** about safeguarding and their personal physical and mental well-being. Children's questions, ideas, and concerns are valued, and they are consistently given space to explore these throughout their time at Bagthorpe.

Across our rich and challenging curriculum, children explore **values, personal rights, responsibilities, and equity**. These experiences build **moral understanding**, positively impact safeguarding, and support the promotion of British values, while actively preventing radicalisation and extremism. **Safeguarding is a key thread that runs through all aspects of our curriculum**.

Key Areas of Safeguarding Across the Curriculum, with links to School & Trust Values

1. Mental Health and Emotional Well-being:



- **Lessons** like 'Bouncing Back' (Reception) and 'My Special Pet' (Year 3) promote resilience, coping strategies, and emotional awareness.
- **Worry boxes** in each classroom and a focus on **trusted adults** ensure children always have a safe space to share their concerns.
- The annual **Healthy Living Day**, held each January, provides opportunities to explore mental and physical well-being in depth.
- **Bagthorpe Core Values:** Compassion, Integrity, and Moral Purpose.
- **Transform Trust Values:** Kindness and Equity.

2. Staying Safe in the Community:



- **Assemblies** are held shortly before each holiday, addressing seasonal risks such as road safety during darker evenings, bonfire safety, and staying safe online.
- Collaboration with **local services**, such as police workshops and fire service visits, reinforces these messages.
- Specific assemblies and lessons address staying safe on the **footpath** that runs through the school site.
- **Bagthorpe Core Values:** Accountability and Courage.
- **Transform Trust Values:** Respect and Equity.

3. Preventing Radicalisation and Promoting British Values:



- Through 'Zeb' (Year 3) and assemblies on **tolerance, democracy, and individual liberty**, children learn to challenge prejudice, value human rights, and embrace diversity.
- The Year 6 visit to London and the Houses of Parliament provides first hand experience of **democracy in action**, linking classroom learning to real world applications.
- Our **School Council** actively engages children in discussions about rights, responsibilities, and decision making, further embedding British values in school life.
- **Bagthorpe Core Values:** Integrity, Accountability, and Courage.

- **Transform Trust Values:** Equity and Creativity.

4. Bullying and Cyberbullying:



- Anti Bullying and E Safety **Awareness Days**, supported by **lessons** such as 'Unkind, Tease, or Bully?' (Year 1), equip children to understand, prevent, and report bullying in all its forms.
- **Bagthorpe Core Values:** Integrity, Compassion, and Moral Purpose.
- **Transform Trust Values:** Respect and Equity.

5. Domestic Abuse and Healthy Relationships:



- Lessons like 'Who Can Help Me?' (Reception) and 'Surprises and Secrets' (Year 2) teach children to **recognise unsafe relationships** and seek **trusted adult support**.
- The **NSPCC Assembly** provides age-appropriate guidance on recognising and reporting concerns, including the importance of trusted adults.
- **Bagthorpe Core Values:** Accountability, Compassion, and Integrity.
- **Transform Trust Values:** Kindness and Respect.

6. Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and FGM Awareness:



- Activities based on the NSPCC 'PANTS' campaign empower children to understand personal boundaries and know their rights to safety and privacy.
- Staff are trained to identify and report potential signs of abuse, ensuring a proactive approach to safeguarding.
- **Bagthorpe Core Values:** Courage, Accountability, and Integrity.
- **Transform Trust Values:** Respect and Equity.

7. Physical Health and Hygiene:



- Topics include **personal hygiene** ('Harold's Wash Up and Brush Up', Y1), **healthy eating** ('Eat Well', Year 1), and understanding the importance of **sleep** ('Super Sleep', Y1).
- **Bagthorpe Core Values:** Accountability, Moral Purpose, and Integrity.
- **Transform Trust Values:** Kindness and Equity.

Practical examples of safeguarding, integrated into learning for every year group:

- **Road Safety:** 'Safe Indoors and Outdoors' (Reception, SCARF) introduces hazard recognition and ways to act safely. Older children participate in Bikeability training, developing road awareness and cycling safety skills. In addition, we address the safety challenges posed by the public footpath running through the school site, with specific assemblies and lessons about staying vigilant in shared spaces.
- **Water Safety:** Taught during swimming lessons and through the 'Water Safety' unit, children learn essential practices to stay safe in and around water. Before the summer holidays, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service provides a dedicated water safety talk. They return in autumn to deliver a Bonfire Night safety session, reinforcing the importance of fire detection alarms at home.
- **Safety in the Woodlands:** Regular outdoor learning sessions include lessons on woodland safety, teaching children how to navigate natural spaces responsibly and avoid potential hazards.
- **Emergency First Aid:** During our Let's GLOW! Safely themed safety day, children learned vital skills such as CPR and basic first aid, supported by visits and talks from members of the emergency services.
- **Bagthorpe Core Values:** Moral Purpose, Accountability, and Courage.
- **Transform Trust Values:** Respect, Kindness, and Equity.

Embedding Safeguarding Throughout the Curriculum

Our curriculum ensures children are aware of their rights, responsibilities, and the support available to them. By integrating safeguarding themes across all year groups, we equip children with the confidence, knowledge, and skills to stay safe and thrive both inside and outside of school. Safeguarding is not just a subject but a cornerstone of our school ethos, fostering a culture where safety, respect, and well-being are priorities.

Our school values **open and effective communication** with Parents and Carers, because **strong relationships** impact our children. We have developed a comprehensive strategy that includes a variety of communication methods to ensure that parents are **well-informed** and **engaged** about child's education and supported in contributing to their success at school.

Safeguarding and the United Nations

Our safeguarding curriculum is underpinned by global principles, including Article 19.1 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which states:

"Parties shall take all appropriate legislative, administrative, social and educational measures to protect the child from all forms of physical or mental violence, injury or abuse, neglect or negligent treatment, maltreatment or exploitation, including sexual abuse, while in the care of parent(s), legal guardian(s), or any other person who has care of a child."