



CEDARS Safeguarding Newsletter

Summer 2026



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(There are links to useful websites on the electronic version of this newsletter)

Welcome to our first newsletter regarding Safeguarding within CEDARS.

The aim of these termly newsletters is to explain what we do to safeguard your child while they are with us at CEDARS. This includes who we work with, our processes and to give advice and support if you have any concerns, worries or where to go for additional support.

OUR TEAM

CEDARS staff are all trained in safeguarding, with our specific safeguarding team comprising of:

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) ... **Ian Snead**

And two Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL) **Anj Sharma** and **Lee McCartney**

Being a state-maintained school, we are still part of the **Staffordshire Local Authority** and partnered with **the Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership**.



OUR AIM.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility; every member of the CEDARS team is responsible for your child's safety. As our primary aim is to ensure all students, staff and stakeholders are safe at all times, all CEDARS staff are trained in the fundamentals in safeguarding.

Our team are kept up to date with the latest changes from local authority and government guidance and checked to ensure we are maintaining our expected high standards. We also ensure we adhere to the rigorous local authority audits and deep dives to maintain a safeguarding plan which is strong, supportive, and robust.

We all adhere to the **Keeping Children Safe in Education 2026** -  Department for Education - along with other key guidance such as **NSPCC Safer Recruitment**, **Operation Encompass**, **EVOLVE Educational Visits** and **Local Authority Safeguarding Team**

Our DSL and DDSLs are all Level 3 safeguarding trained, while the rest of the staff are all Level 1 safeguarding trained. As well as being kept up to date with the latest safeguarding information and processes, we ensure we are both vigilant to correct in how we report safeguarding concerns.

SUMMER CONCERNS

Over the summer months, our students will face concerns specific to this time.

The summer weather brings risks unique to this time of year:

Hot Weather. During these times, we should all focus on preventing dehydration, sunburn, and heat illness, while also addressing risks specific to their growing independence as teenagers. With older youth spending more time unsupervised outdoors and traveling, safety planning requires practical hydration strategies, sunburn prevention, and open communication about outdoor hazards

Swimming in lakes, rivers and ponds. The summer often brings children desperate to jump in a river or lake. The RNLI “Float to Live” strategy gives lots of useful links and advice if your child wants to cool down in water.



Online Safety during the summer. The SWGfL website is full of safeguarding advice. *“With the start of the summer break, many students will be spending more time online now that schools have closed their doors. During the holidays, we are continuing to provide the knowledge and tools needed to make sure online safety remains a priority”*. Follow the link to their website



General adolescent concerns. Many students at this time of year start to struggle without the routine of school, being unable to see people who support them in term time and for some, simply feeling lonely. The CHILDLINE website is another good place to gain advice.



Key information and short reads

We work closely with many agencies to ensure CEDARS is a safe environment. We are regularly involved in:

- MACE (Multi Agency Child Exploitation) meetings
- ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour) forums
- T3 STARS drop-ins
- School Nurse drop-ins

We use:

- SECURUS software to ensure all websites and IT work is monitored and safe
- MyConcern, which is our safeguarding logging system
- TF TestFiltering, a software app which ensures our internet is secure
- CEOP Education to ensure all systems and staff are secure online
- LGfL to support training around radicalisation
- CE Intelligence forms to report criminal information

USEFUL PARENT SUPPORT:

We strongly suggest that you go into the links below to help support with various areas of concern.

ONLINE SAFETY:

-  **Parent Online Safety Presentation | LGfL.** Full of simple advice

RADICALISATION:

-  This government website is full of useful ideas, support and resources

MOBILE PHONE & TRACKING:



We have many parents who are concerned about knowing where their child is at key times. This link will take you to the National College where they give really good advice on keeping up to date with where your child is.