



FAIRFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Safeguarding Newsletter: Spring 2025

"Safeguarding... Everybody... Everyday"



Who to contact if you have concerns about a child:

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Deputies straightaway.

If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police on 999.

If you have urgent concerns for a child, or suspect that a child has been abused in any way and needs an urgent response, please call the Cumberland Safeguarding Hub immediately on 0333 240 1727

Meet the Safeguarding Team at Fairfield Primary School:



Mr. C. Steele
Deputy Safeguarding Lead



Mr. J. Gale
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs. H. Birkett
Deputy Safeguarding Lead



Mrs. S. Johnston
Deputy Safeguarding Lead



Mrs. C. Jones
Safeguarding Governor

Mr. J. Gale (the Designated Safeguarding Lead- DSL) can be contacted via email (deputyhead@fairfieldprimary.co.uk), via Dojo or by telephoning the school office on: 01900 821133.

Our Policies:

For a copy of our school's Child Protection Policy, and other related safeguarding policies, please visit the safeguarding page(s) on our school website: [Safeguarding | Fairfield Primary School](#)



Dear parents/guardians,

Welcome to the second safeguarding newsletter of this academic year.

At Fairfield Primary School, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is our number one priority and it is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes in to contact with the children and families, who comprise our community, has a role to play. Everything that we do has the children at the core. Their safety, their wellbeing, their achievement and, of course, their happiness underpins every decision we make.

In this issue of our safeguarding newsletter, we will remind you of some important sun protection information (as the British Summer Time officially begins), outline important information linked to the hit show Adolescence as well as some continued attendance information, dates of Family Hub Open Days over Easter and exciting news in relation to this year's annual Safeguarding Week at Fairfield.

As ever, if you require any support, guidance or further information, please do not hesitate to either speak to me in person or contact me directly.

Mr. J. Gale (Designated Safeguarding Lead).



Sun Protection:

As part of our Safeguarding Curriculum, pupils participate in discussions regarding keeping themselves safe in the sun. In school, we teach this by using the SunSmart prevention message(s), promoted by using the SMART code...

S tay in the shade 11am-3pm

M ake sure you never burn

A lways cover up with a t-shirt, hat and sunglasses

R emember to take extra care and don't look directly at the sun

T hen use at least factor 15+ sunscreen (30+ is considered best)

With better weather on the horizon (fingers crossed for a glorious summer term) we'd like to take the opportunity to remind you of the following key points in relation to our Sun Protection Policy:

-Please apply sun cream before the start of school. There are proprietary products on the market which only need to be applied once per day.

-If your child brings in sun cream, it should be handed to a member of staff or placed on the teacher's desk; please can all pupils' sun cream/sticks/roll-on be clearly labelled. Pupils ought to be able to apply this themselves within supervision of an adult.

Uniform changes are permitted in relation to sun protection, these include the following:

-Sunhats will be considered to be part of school uniform and children will be actively encouraged to wear them.

-During PE/trips/other special events, children are encouraged to wear tops that cover their shoulders (vests and strappy tops are discouraged).

-Children are allowed to wear UV protective sunglasses when outside during sunny weather.

For hydration purposes, please ensure your child attends school each day with a water bottle- labelled if possible.

Attendance Matters:

At Fairfield, we continue to work hard to maintain our excellent attendance levels and to reduce incidences of lateness. Our whole school attendance currently stands at **96.7%**.

Attendance facts:

- All schools must report their termly attendance percentages to the Local Authority.
- Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure that their child receives a full-time education.
- Parents can be issued with a fixed penalty notice for failing to ensure their child attends school regularly – this includes taking a child out of school on holiday.
- The Local Authority has the power to prosecute parents in the magistrate's court for the offence of failing to ensure their child attends school regularly.
- If your child arrives after 9.15am we are required to mark them as having an unauthorised absence for the whole morning – arriving after 9.15am once in a week brings their attendance down to 90% for that week.

Good attendance plays a vital role in helping your child to achieve their potential. We also know that poor attendance can lead to other problems for children. Children who do not attend school regularly are more likely to:

- Fall behind in their school work
- Find it difficult to make and keep friends
- Be unhappy at school
- Misbehave so that others cannot see that they are finding the work difficult
- Learn poor attendance habits that follow through to secondary school and future employment

If your child is just slightly under the weather, still send them in to school. Children often feel better as the day goes on and they get busy. If school is worried, we will call! This NHS article provides great advice for parents/guardians regarding this: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#).

Moreover, the following link has been highly recommended to us from a colleague in health. It is a website called 'Healthier Together', which is a regional initiative to make health information accessible to parents/guardians, created by medical professionals. It also contains a helpful traffic light system to aid parents/guardians to look up symptoms and know when to seek advice.

Link: <https://www.nenc-healthiertogether.nhs.uk/parentscarers>

Please also ensure that you:

- Keep in touch with school staff – we may be able to help you with advice and support
- Contact school on the first day of absence if your child is unable to attend for whatever reason and keep in contact on subsequent days – please do not report absences via Class Dojo
- Make sure school has up-to-date contact details
- Attend meetings about your child's attendance if you are invited to do so. At these meetings we can agree an action plan so that school, parents and children can work together to improve things



Cumberland Family Hub Open Days:

Wednesday 9 April 11am - 3pm
Family Hub - Morton, Carlisle, Wigton Road CA2 6JP

Thursday 10 April 11am - 3pm
Family Hub - Longtown, 11 Mary Street, CA6 5UF

Friday 11 April 11am - 3pm
Family Hub - Maryport, Ennerdale Road, CA15 8HN

Monday 14 April 11am - 3pm
Moorclose Community Centre, Needham Drive, CA14 3SE

Tuesday 15 April 11am - 3pm
Family Hub on the Harbour, Swingpump Lane, Whitehaven, CA28 7LZ

Wednesday 16 April 11am - 3pm
Family Hub - Millom, Millom Infant School, Millom, LA18 4LP

Thursday 17 April 11am - 3pm
Family Hub - Wigton, Wampool Place, Wigton, CA7 9SA



Some really useful and supportive events happening in the Family hubs over Easter.

They do require sign-up:

[Family Hub open days and Easter events | Cumberland Family Hubs](#)

Please click the link above or type the following into your search engine:

<https://cumberlandfamilyhubs.org.uk/news/2025/family-hub-open-days-and-easter-events>

Periodic Table of Sinister Emojis:

Please note: this section contains adult themes and some references that readers may find distressing.

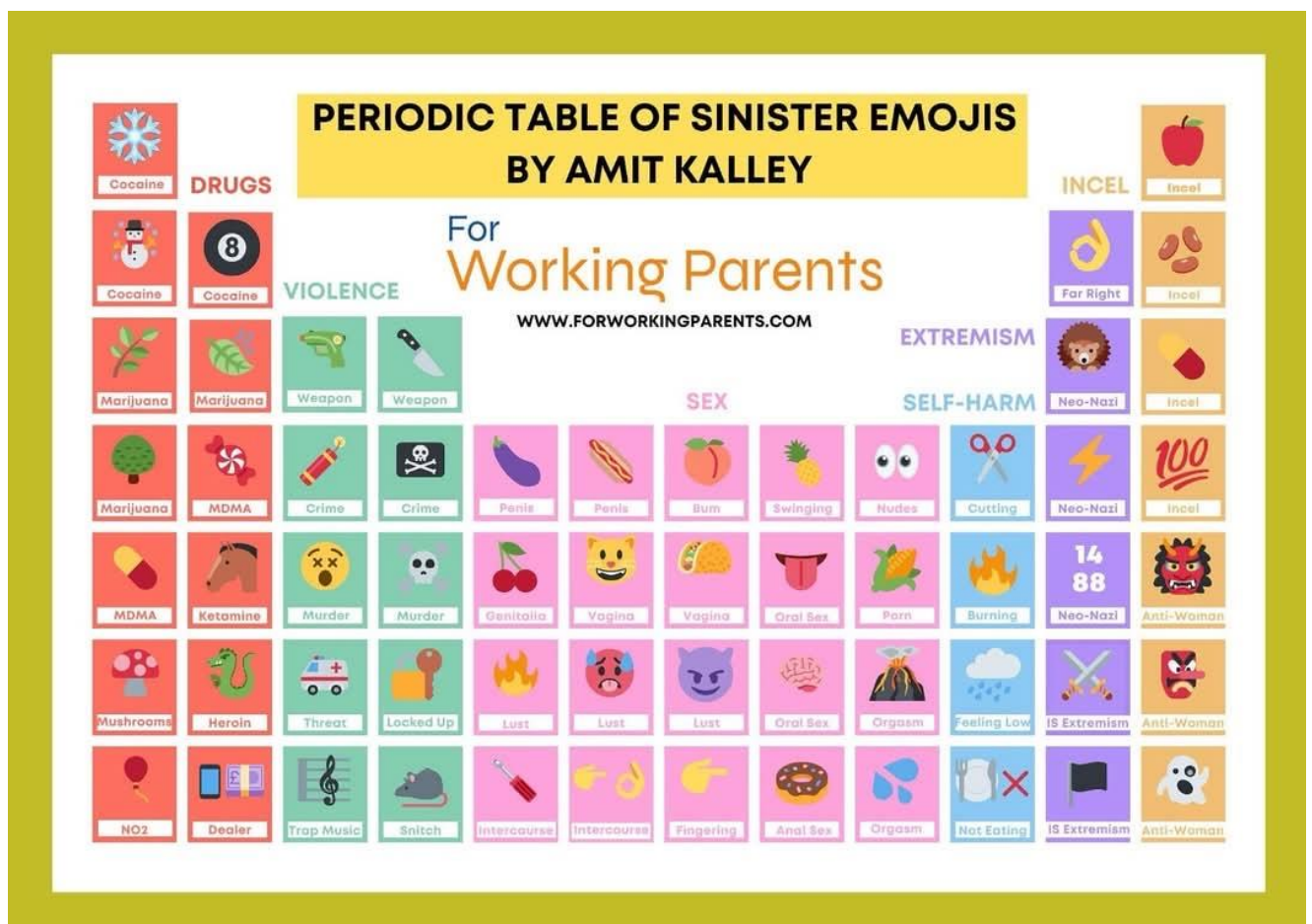
Following the success of Netflix's show Adolescence, police have handed parents a "periodic table of sinister emojis" which are said to hide violent messages. This is shown below.

The founder of the education charity 'For Working Parents', Amit Kalley, has implored parents to stay in the loop with their children's "digital lives" as this could prevent them from falling into dangerous situations - like being groomed online.

He added that it was important for parents to normalise conversations about the "online world" to avoid kids getting involved in precarious sexual behaviours and hiding it from their family.

The table is far from an exhaustive list, but includes emojis beyond incel and misogyny because lots of young people are groomed online into drugs and violence.

Schools across the country are making use of the table to show parents/guardians that seemingly innocent emojis may have a deeper meaning.



Safeguarding Week 2025:

I am excited to announce that we are in the final stages of planning for this year's Safeguarding Week, which is now an annual event at Fairfield.

The event will be held across the week commencing Monday 9th June 2025.

This year, we have a whole host of guest speakers, workshops and assemblies planned across the week for children from Nursery to Year 6.

We look forward to welcoming: Cumbria Police, Cumbria Fire and Rescue, Mayport Lifeboat, The NSPCC, Cumbria Constabulary's Cyber Crime Unit, The Dog's Trust, Network Rail, the NHS, Cumbria's Youth Justice Team, Ygam (Gaming and Gambling), Steve Wilson First Aid and a local pharmacist amongst some other names to be confirmed.