



The Huntington Buzz



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Our Safeguarding Team



At Huntington Primary Academy everyone is responsible for the safeguarding of pupils. All staff have safeguarding training and we work together to make our school a place where pupils feel safe.

We have five members of staff who are designated to deal with your questions, concerns or safeguarding issues.



Mrs Holton
Headteacher

Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Powell
Pastoral Practitioner

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Brett
SENDCo

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Russon
Assistant Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Gwinnell-Smith
EYFS Lead

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

If you have any concerns about the safety of a child outside of school you should contact the York Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.00pm - 01904 551900

Outside office hours, weekends and public holidays, contact the emergency duty team - 01609 780780

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 25th November - Open Evening - September 2026

Friday 5th December - Non Uniform Day in return for donations to the Christmas Fair

Saturday 6th December - FoHPA Christmas Fair

Wednesday 10th December - KS1 Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 11th December - KS2 Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 15th December - EYFS and Year 1 Nativity to Parents - 2 - 3pm

Wednesday 17th Parents - EYFS and Year 1 Nativity to Parents - 10 - 11am

Other events - TBC

Year 6 performing carols at Garth Court

Year 5 Carol Concert (please note Year 2, 3 4 and 6 will have opportunities to perform later in the year)



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E-Safety

At Huntington Primary Academy, we integrate e-safety throughout the Computing curriculum, using the progressive Teach Computing curriculum and referring to the SMART rules in lessons. We also run an annual e-safety week with assemblies and age-appropriate activities to equip pupils with skills to stay safe online and know who to speak to if they are worried.

We have recently updated our website with helpful guidance for parents. Visit the page here:

<https://huntingtonprimaryacademy.co.uk/parents/e-safety/>

The school page provides direct links to resources that offer practical guidance on managing your child's online safety:

- Setting Parental Controls - Helpful guides are available for setting parental controls for popular devices, apps, and games consoles.
- Online Gaming - Guidance is provided on how to set limits and restrictions across various devices and platforms (including Xbox, PlayStation, Minecraft, Fortnite, Discord, and Nintendo Switch) to ensure safe use of online gaming communities.
- Social Media - All social media sites in the UK require users to be 13 years old. For parents whose children are starting to use these platforms, guides are available for:
 - Managing privacy settings (blocking users, reporting content, controlling who can see profiles and content).
 - Controlling screen time.
 - Doing Privacy and Security Check-ups on platforms like TikTok, Facebook, Snapchat, WhatsApp, and Instagram.
- Mobile Devices - Guides are available for setting parental controls on major Apple and Android devices. This includes setting Screen Time limits (on Apple devices) to aid mental health, physical wellbeing, and sleep patterns.
- General Advice - The page links to Internet Matters, a non-profit organisation offering support for general online safety advice for adults and children.

Remember: Open communication with your child is the best defense against online risks. If you have any concerns, please contact the school.

Admissions Consultation 2027-28 Entry

In conjunction with the City of York Council, we are currently consulting on our admission arrangements for 2027-28. The consultation is running from 8 October to 21 November and includes the admissions policies and planned number of places (PAN) available at each school in York for entry in September 2027. For more information and to respond to the consultation, please see the admissions page on our website or visit:

<https://www.york.gov.uk/AdmissionsConsultation>

Fair Admissions Consultation 2027-28

In line with the City of York Council and York School and Academy Board's (YSAB) commitment to Fair School Admissions we have reviewed our admissions arrangements in line with the Sutton Trust Fair School Admissions Pledge. The Fair Admissions Consultation is open from Wednesday 15 October to Friday 28 November 2025.

Please [click here](#) to respond to the Fair Admissions Consultation.

As part of last year's admissions consultation, we proposed reducing our planned number of places (PAN) for 2026-27 from 60 to 45. This was due to projected lower pupil numbers within our catchment area. This is just a reminder that for families applying for a reception place for September 2026, the number of places available will be 45.