



Safeguarding guidelines for school staff

These guidelines were developed within Child Protection training by school staff and enable us all to know the procedures we must follow, to support children and staff.

1. Always listen to what a child has to say. They have chosen you to be trusted and to talk to, so give them time so they know you are listening. Do not ask leading questions but you can ask “Is there anything more you would like to tell me?”
2. Reassure the child but you are unable to promise that you won't be telling anyone else, as you will have to ask advice to keep them safe.
3. Share this information verbally and immediately with the Designated safeguarding leads for Child Protection (Helen Martin and Lucy Whiffin).
4. Complete an orange Safeguarding form. If you have written any notes, then these can be attached to the form. This will be given to Helen who will decide on the next course of action.
5. Check up that something has been done. Share these worries in the staffroom books or at a Staff Meeting.
6. The DSL will decide to refer if they feel that the child is in danger of significant harm, or that their development and health are being damaged in any way. The DSL will discuss this with all DSL trained staff and the Safeguarding Governor Kathie Gyles.

Designated Members of Staff:

Helen Martin Headteacher

Lucy Whiffin Deputy Head

Kathie Gyles Safeguarding Governor

All staff have been given the updated ‘Keeping Children Safe in Education’ part 1 to read; actions from that document are regularly reviewed and updated throughout the year.

The designated safeguarding leads will contact the WS LADO if necessary for advice and support.

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