

Where to go for more information

Please refer to our website for the following policies and statements:

www.overtonprimary.co.uk/about-us/safeguarding

- Safeguarding
- Child protection

www.overtonprimary.co.uk/about-us/policies

- Behaviour
- Attendance

www.overtonprimary.co.uk/learning/online-safety

- Online Safety

External sources

Keeping children safe in education: statutory guidance for schools and colleges, Department for Education

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>

Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSCP)

<https://www.hampshirescp.org.uk>

Safeguarding children: what organisations need to do to protect children from harm, NSPCC

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/2019/april/working-together-organisations-protect-children-prevent-abuse>



Safeguarding
information



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**SAFEGUARDING
at Overton CE
Primary School**



**Please take the time to read this
handy parents guide to
Safeguarding at our school.**

What is Safeguarding?

Schools have a statutory responsibility to keep children safe from harm. The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) defines safeguarding as:

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development
- Making sure children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

What are schools expected to do?

- Schools must comply with the current safeguarding guidance from the Department for Education, called Keeping Children Safe in Education (published September 2023). This means, for example:
- Having a designated safeguarding lead (DSL), who is trained to support staff, contribute to assessing children and liaise with other agencies

In our school we have a Lead DSL and 2 Deputy DSLs.

- Mrs Wyeth (Head Teacher) is the Lead DSL
- Mr Glew (Deputy Headteacher) is a Deputy DSL
- Mrs McDevitt (Inclusion Manager) is a Deputy DSL

- Having a child protection policy, and procedures covering specific safeguarding issues.

These can be found on our school website in the safeguarding and policy sections.

- Ensuring that adults working in the school are safe to work with children, by carrying out background checks (through the Disclosure and Barring Service DBS) and having someone on interview panels who is trained in 'safer recruitment'.

This is the case for all staff and volunteers. Staff involved in recruiting are safer recruitment trained at Overton CE Primary.

- Ensuring that all staff receive safeguarding and child protection training, and that this is regularly updated.

This is part of the induction process here at school. We receive termly training and a refresher annually.

What does safeguarding look like in our school?

- We respond appropriately to an unplanned absence, or to a pattern of poor attendance
- We track concerns about children confidentially
- We protect information about your child and only share it appropriately
- We teach pupils about safeguarding issues, including how to respond to concerns, in lesson, circle time and in assemblies on personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education
- We supervise pupils as they enter and leave the school building at the start and end of the day

FAQs

What does safeguarding mean?

Safeguarding is about protecting children and young people from abuse and/or neglect and ensuring that they grow up in a safe environment.

Who should I speak to for more information, or if I have a safeguarding concern?

You can speak to any member of staff about Safeguarding concerns, but we recommend that your first point of contact is your child's teacher or our DSLs, Mrs Wyeth (Lead), Mr Glew or Mrs McDevitt

Who should my child speak to if he/she has a concern?

Your child can speak to any trusted adult in school. The adult will refer to the DSL if there is a concern about the safety of the child.

Key terms

Abuse – abuse is a form of maltreatment of a child. Somebody may abuse or neglect a child by inflicting harm or by failing to act to prevent harm. Child abuse can take the form of physical, emotional, sexual and neglect. The detail around these definitions can be found on: www.hampshirescp.org.uk/professionals/child-abuse-definitions

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check – a certificate of checks carried out on those working with children and vulnerable people. Those who work regularly with children require a more in-depth DBS check

Safer recruitment – recruiting staff using thorough checks on their suitability to work with children, including the right to work in the UK, and mental and physical fitness to carry out their responsibilities