

Safeguarding Children Procedures

As a visitor in our school, it is important that you are aware of our safeguarding children procedures.

Our children's wellbeing is our highest priority. It is important that all adults in school know what to do if they have any concerns about a child and avoid any situation that may put a child and themselves at risk.

There may be times when you have cause for concern. This could be marks or bruises, something a child says or the condition that they are in at school. E.g. hungry or lacking personal hygiene.

You may be approached by a child who wants to talk to you about something that has or is happening to them.

Children tend to speak to someone they trust or know well. However, they might on occasion, talk to a guest in school who has raised a particular concern in their mind.

'Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all practitioners should make sure their approach is child-centred. This means that they should consider, at all times, what is in the best interests of the child.'

Keeping Children Safe in Education, 2020

Who do I speak to?

In every case you should discuss your concerns with one of our Designated Senior Leads for Safeguarding (DSL's):

Designated Senior Lead

Matthew Towe - Headteacher
head@sedbergh-pri.cumbria.sch.uk

Deputy Designated Senior Lead

Tracy Whetton - Deputy Headteacher
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Safeguarding Governor

Mrs Charlotte Robson-Peall
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Your concerns will always be taken seriously, recorded in full and followed up by designated staff in school following school procedures. Often, concerns can indicate a more significant issues in a child's life and are therefore always important.

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Code of Conduct & Guidance for Visiting Speakers



British Values

All staff and visitors in our school are expected to respect, uphold and promote the fundamental principles of British Values; including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

We also believe that children should be given the opportunity to explore diversity and understand Britain as a multi-cultural society; everyone should be treated with respect regardless of their race, gender, sexuality, religious belief, special need, or disability.

We encourage our pupils to understand and respect the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect; as well as tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. We ensure that partisan political views are not promoted in the teaching of any subject in the school and where political issues are brought to the attention of the pupils, reasonably practicable steps are taken to offer a balanced presentation of opposing views to pupils.

As a guest in school we expect you to abide by these principles. Any breach would lead to removal from the school campus and potential Police involvement.

Prevent Duty

As a school we recognise that safeguarding against radicalisation is as important as safeguarding against any other vulnerability.

On 1 July 2015 the Prevent duty (section 26) of The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 came into force. This duty places the responsibility for ALL public bodies, including schools, to make clear their preventative measures to minimise the threat of extremism in their setting.

There is no place for extremist views of any kind in our school, whether from internal sources – pupils, staff, visiting adults, governors or external sources – school community, external agencies or individuals.

Any prejudice, discrimination or extremist views, including derogatory language displayed by pupils, staff, visitors or parents will always be challenged and, where appropriate, dealt with.

Further information for parents about the Prevent Strategy can be found on the [Cumbria Local Children's Safeguarding Board](#) website.

Protecting Yourself

Visitors to the school should ensure that anything they say or do is done openly and with the knowledge of staff in school.

We expect all visitors to adhere to the following code of conduct whilst in our school.

- Always make yourself known to a member of staff on arrival so that you can be made welcome.
- Always ensure that you sign in and out in the school office.
- Always collect and wear your visitor's badge.
- If evidence of a DBS check is required please make sure the school office has a record of this.

Whilst in school;

- Always engage in appropriate behaviour and use appropriate professional language.
- Do not share or condone any views or opinions that are prejudice, discriminatory or extremist in any school context or that are in opposition to the school's principles as outlined in this booklet.
- Do not join in with children's contact games or pick children up.
- Do not make suggestive remarks
- Do not take children into a room on your own.
- Never make direct contact with children you have met in school by phone, email letter or social networking sites.

If you are concerned about anything always contact a member of staff and discuss the situation.