



Safeguarding Information for Parents / Carers - Sept 2017

What is Safeguarding?

The aim of this newsletter is to communicate key information to parents concerning Safeguarding and how as a school we aim to keep you informed to actively promote the safeguarding and welfare of all our pupils.

What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

Safeguarding means:

- protecting children from abuse and maltreatment
- preventing harm to children's health or development
- ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care
- taking action to enable all children and young people have the best outcomes.

Child protection is part of the safeguarding process. It focuses on protecting individual children identified as suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. This includes child protection procedures which detail how to respond to concerns about a child. Safeguarding children and child protection applies to all children up to the age of 18.

What information is available for parents?

On the school website you will find the following information.

- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy For Schools and Education Services
- Information on e-safety / mobile phones
- Link to CEOPS / Report Abuse / ChildLine / Beat Bullying / Pupils Safety
- Leaflets on Forced Marriages and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and organisations that can help

How are children taught about Safeguarding?

Around school and in each class we have posters on display so children know who to approach should they have a concern or wish to raise a concern.

NSPCC workshops—the NSPCC deliver a whole school assembly followed by workshops. This programme aims to educate children about abuse in all its forms, how to recognise signs of abuse and how to keep themselves safe.

E-Safety: Children in Key Stage 2 attend workshops on Keeping Safe online provided by an external provider. Whole school assemblies are also delivered on e-safety and online bullying.

E-Safety in school. In school we have online monitoring called Policy Central which works across all applications and provides fast and accurate management data to enable school to deal swiftly and effectively with any instances of misuse that occur.

Safeguarding taught through the curriculum. Across school children are taught about safety in Personal Health Education lessons as well as through other subjects. Links are also made with current requirements.

Police visits: On a regular basis we involve the Police to carry out workshops on Safety and Stranger Danger for Key Stage 1 children. For older pupils workshops are delivered on Child Exploitations, Internet Safety, Knives and Crime.

What does school do as part of Keeping Children Safe?

At Featherstone your child's safety is of paramount importance and we ensure that we spend a great deal of time training staff so that we are always comply with current legislation (Keeping Children Safe in Education).

Listed below are the key areas that Staff have received recent training in:-

Child Protection/Safeguarding Training. Each Year all our staff undergo Child Protection training. Training is also extended to all Governors. We currently have four trained Designated Senior Persons for Safeguarding and Child Protection who meet on a weekly basis to discuss any concerns, referral updates and further training needs for all staff

Female Genital Mutilation Training All staff receive annual training in order that they have a better understanding of this issue. The training is delivered by Birmingham, Solihull Women's Aid on how to identify pupils at risk and how to raise a concern should they suspect that a child is potentially vulnerable.

Domestic Violence and Forced Marriages— Annual training by Birmingham and Solihull Women Aid

Combatting all aspects of extremism in School. (Prevent Duty for Schools) From 1st July 2015 all schools are subject to a duty under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, in the exercise of their functions, to have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism". All staff (teachers, support and dinner staff) have annual prevent training.

Vetting and Recruitment (Overseas checks) Safer Recruitment trained. Our procedures ensure that when recruiting any new members of staff we carry out enhanced checks. Any member of staff who has taught abroad has to undergo an overseas check. All new staff are inducted appropriately by a Designated Senior Person in Safeguarding.

Visitors and Volunteers. We have a Visitor and Volunteer Policy whereby any volunteer wishing to carry out a long term placement are required to provide appropriate references. We ensure that all visitors and volunteers in school are always supervised by school staff. We also ensure that any visitor to school invited to deliver a talk or presentation to pupils, send details of their presentation in advance, so that we are fully informed of the content.

Health and Safety— The school is regularly checked to confirm that equipment and school site is always safe for pupils. Our Site Manager carries out a daily site check prior to children being allowed access to school grounds. We also arrange for all our equipment to be externally examined.

Supporting Children with Medical Conditions and Medicines in school

The Medical Leader—responsible for coordinating pupil medical needs, care plans , medicine held in school , medical training for staff, accidents in school and first aid equipment

Staff Training on Medical Needs and Medicine in Schools. The EYFS leader and members of staff are Paediatric First Aid trained. We have two fully trained First Aiders who are always on school site. All staff in school including dinner staff receive basic first aid training as part of their role. Each year all staff attend medical training on allergies, the administration of Epipens and other medical conditions.


Dietary Needs – Pupils with specific dietary requirements are clearly identified to the kitchen and lunchtime staff.

Prescribed/ Non Prescribed Medicines— When a parent completes a Consent Form for school to administer medication, this is only administered by certain key staff who have received training. When a parent completes a consent form this also needs to be signed off by one of the Senior Leaders. All medicines are stored safely under supervision.

CHILD PROTECTION / SAFEGUARDING

Who do I need to talk to if I am worried?

Who can help you?

Mr Gaibee Headteacher	Miss Hill Deputy Headteacher	Miss Harrington SENCo	Miss Lacey
			



Call the NSPCC helpline

If you're worried about a child, even if you're unsure, contact our professional counsellors 24/7 for help, advice and support.

Call us or email help@nspcc.org.uk.
0808 800 5000

IF YOU SEE, HEAR, OR KNOW ABOUT IT — REPORT IT!

This could be a child being neglected or any other form of abuse.

Children Protection Officers are in school who will listen and take the matter further.

Should you have a concern regarding a family or a child please email the unique email address which is only checked by lead Child Protection Staff (Mr E Gaibee / Miss Hill / Miss Harrington / Miss Lacey).

featherstoneprimaryschool.co.uk (contact us / raise a concern).

All information will be treated in confidence.