

SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

Preston Candover CE Primary School

Summer Term 2019

DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEADS

The designated safeguarding leads (DSLs) for our school are:

Mrs Simrit Otway

Mrs Cathy Taylor

Mrs Edwina Curtis-Haywood is our designated Governor for safeguarding.



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Welcome to our Preston Candover CE Primary School Safeguarding Newsletter. We will be writing each term to share information, resources and links with you so that we can work together to keep our children safe. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all our pupils. We work hard to ensure we meet statutory requirements and create a culture where children can develop and thrive within a happy and safe environment.

What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding is defined in the Children Act 2004 as protecting from maltreatment; preventing impairment of health and development; ensuring that children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care; and work in a way that gives the best life chances and transition to adult hood. Our safeguarding practice applies to every child.

How do we safeguard our children in school?

- Health and Safety of all our children is paramount and we have good systems in place to share and address any issues
- All staff and regular volunteers are subjected to stringent checks before employment, DBS checks and the school follows safer recruitment procedures
- All staff have annual safeguarding training with refreshers throughout the year. Safeguarding is discussed weekly in staff meetings. All staff know how to refer a child for support if they have concerns
- All staff use CPOMs – a software programme devised to monitor child protection, safeguarding and pastoral welfare
- We monitor pupils' attendance carefully
- DSLs meet regularly and liaise with outside agencies as appropriate
- We ensure that all children have a voice and are listened to by staff and have access to their school council, peer mentors and our ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support) if appropriate
- We organise transition meetings with pre-schools and secondary schools
- We have a positive approach to behaviour and relationships and protect children from bullying, harassment, discrimination and racist behaviour. We are proactive in protecting children from drug and substance abuse and have Prevent training
- We provide the children with first aid. and meet with parents, plan and monitor, meeting the needs of children with medical conditions
- We are a rights respecting school and hold Hampshire's Engagement Award
- Ensure online safety in school and educate children to be safe in their internet use
- Ensure the school is safe place and that all visitors adhere to our safeguarding policies, including acceptable use of mobile phones
 - We risk assess and run safe educational visits
 - We organized an E-safety workshop for parents which took place with the NSPCC in Spring

Recent safeguarding updates include:

- Security of the school site has been tightened further recently with the addition of Maglocks to the pedestrian and car park gates ensuring entrance to the school site can only be obtained, out of drop off and pick up times, by buzzing the school office. Please help us to keep our site secure by closing the gate securely behind you if buzzed in out of drop off and pick up times. Never allow anyone to follow you into the site if they have not buzzed the school office first to be granted access. Thank you for your support in this.
- All staff now wear identification lanyards containing DBS, DSL, Children's Services and fire evacuation information

Additional safeguarding, health and well-being support for children

- Pupils in year 4 have been given a free copy of the book Sadsville, which encourages pupils to talk about their concerns-no problem is too big or small
- Key stage two had a Fire education workshop and year 6 had road safety and Bikeability training
- Healthy eating workshops took place for KS1 in Spring
- Think safe-junior citizenship day, a practical day off-site when pupils are given various scenarios and challenges

“Everything we do protects children today and prevents abuse tomorrow, to transform society for every childhood.”
NSPCC

THE NSPCC

The NSPCC website at www.nspcc.org.uk has a wealth of information for parents on safeguarding. Amongst many subjects, advice can be found on:

- Online safety
- Home alone
- PANTS (The Underwear Rule)
- Bullying/cyberbullying
- Staying safe away from home
- Baby and toddler safety
- Healthy sexual behaviour
- Self-harm
- Mental health in children



Help us to promote an ethos of “feeling safe” amongst all our children and a robust safeguarding culture in our school and community.