

Introduction

At Lantern Lane, we believe that it is the responsibility of everyone in the school community to ensure that every child is able to learn and develop in a safe environment.

This booklet explains how we can work together to keep children safe by telling you:

- How children can be harmed.
- How we work together with parents and carers.
- How we keep children and families safe.
- How you can help.
- Who to speak to if you are worried or concerned.

You can speak to any member of staff about anything that is worrying you. We will always listen to you and do everything we can to help. There are four staff in school with the specific job of keeping children and families safe:



Mr. Fowlie
Senior Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Panther &
Mrs. Evans
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads



Nicholas McGowan
Chair of Governors



Safeguarding
information
for parents &
carers



How children can be harmed

Most children will grow up free from the effects of child abuse, but it's important to acknowledge that it can and does happen. Harm may be physical, emotional, sexual or may take the form of neglect. There are other issues which can affect children's welfare such as domestic violence and extremism. For more information, please see our Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy.

Working together

Children get the most from their education when we work together.

All our policies related to safeguarding are on our website or you can get copies from the school office.

If you're unhappy about something that has happened at school, please see a member of staff and we can resolve the problem together.

How we keep children and families safe.

- We make sure all staff and regular volunteers/visitors are suitable to work with children.
- We ensure our staff have regular safeguarding training and know what to do if they are concerned.
- We share any concerns with you, if we can, and do our best to help.
- We signpost or refer families to different services. Sometimes, this means making a referral to social care if we are worried about a child's welfare.
- We teach all children how to stay safe and live happy, healthy lives.
- We share information with staff and other agencies who need to know.
- We make sure we know where pupils are every school day.

How you can help

- Talk to us if you're worried about a child or you need support.
- Tell us about any changes in circumstances such as a change of address or a new phone number.
- Make sure we know who can drop off and collect your child and ensure you have provided us with details of two emergency contacts.
- Let the school know if your child is absent from school, the reason why and keep us updated each day they are absent.
- Let the school know about any injuries your child has had outside of school and any medical conditions your child has.