

Key Principles of Safeguarding

Children have a right to be safe and should be protected from all forms of abuse and neglect;

Safeguarding children is everybody's responsibility;

It is better to help children as early as possible, before issues escalate and become more damaging.

You should not let other considerations, like fear of damaging relationships with adults, get in the way of safeguarding children.

What is important is that if you are worried about a child or young person then you must pass on any concerns, however trivial they may seem, to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads.

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Designated Safeguarding Lead 1



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Deputy Safeguarding Lead 2



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Assistant Headteacher
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OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM

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Keeping Children Safe

SAFEGUARDING ALL CHILDREN IN OUR SCHOOL



A CARING,
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An information leaflet for adults
visiting or working at
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SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION FOR VISITORS

Dealing with safeguarding and child abuse issues can be distressing but it is important that children's names and details must remain confidential. We would ask all visitors to recognise that vulnerable students, such as those with learning support needs, may not display signs of distress or upset. Equally, visitors should not mistake a vulnerable child's medical or learning needs diagnosis as typical of their behaviour as they may be masking an undisclosed safeguarding concern. Thank you for your vigilance as we work to keep all Lakes School children safe.

Safeguarding Young people

We are committed to the safeguarding of all young people in our care at all times and view this as one of our primary responsibilities. We will make any referrals necessary to ensure children are safe.

As a visitor in our school, either as a parent volunteer, contractor or someone who is working with our young people, it is important that you are aware of your safeguarding responsibility.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families and carers has a role to play in safeguarding children.

Thank you for helping us keep all children safe.

Protecting Yourself

Please ensure you sign in and out at reception;

Collect a visitor's badge and wear it whilst on the school grounds and in our school buildings;

If you have a DBS check please make sure the office staff has a record of this, if not then let us know;

Always make sure the office staff know where you are working or which member of staff you are working with;

Always use appropriate language and avoid language that could be misinterpreted;

Do not take children into a room on your own;

Never make private contact with children you have met in school;

Do not give out your personal contact details.

Managing a Disclosure

Helpful advice if a child discloses a safeguarding issue to you:

Stay calm and controlled;

Be prepared to listen;

Alleviate feelings of guilt and isolation, whilst passing no judgement;

Do not show revulsion or distress or make any promises;

State that you will try to offer support, but that you must pass information to someone whose job it is to keep them safe;

Do not discuss the disclosure with anyone outside school;

After the disclosure, take the pupil to the pastoral room or reception and tell one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads immediately.