

Contacts

What should I do if the alleged abuser is a member of staff working with children?*

If your concern is about a staff member or volunteer, you should report this to the most senior person not implicated in the concern, so in most cases the Head Teacher. If however, your concern is about the Head Teacher, you should report this to the Chair of Governors. Contact details can be found on the back of this leaflet. The senior person will then contact the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) on 01452 426994 for a discussion.

How do I ensure my behaviour is always appropriate?

Please ask a member of the staff for school guidance regarding Safer Working Practice. The DCSF have produced guidelines entitled 'Safer Working practice for Adults who work with Children and Young People in Educational Settings' (2009) which can be found on the GSCB website www.gscb.org.uk

The school has a Child Protection Policy and is available from Mrs C Sharp

In line with this, regardless of the source of harm, you MUST report your concern to the.

Head Teacher

Mrs C Musty

Your Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is:

Mrs C Musty

Contact your DSL on:

01285 841284

In the event of the DSL not being available, please contact Mrs S Thorogood or Mrs R Makin on 01285 841284

Your Chair of Governors is:

Mr P Lucas

07531112365

Local Authority Safeguarding Development Officer is:
Nigel Hatten 01452 426994



SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

Quick reference for new school staff or volunteers

Everyone in the education service shares an objective to help keep children and young people safe by contributing to:

- ◆ Providing a safe environment
- ◆ Identifying children and young people who are suffering or likely to suffer significant harm
- ◆ Taking appropriate action

This leaflet has been given to you to make sure you understand what is expected of you. Please seek advice from your Designated Senior Lead (DSL) for Child Protection if you are unclear about anything in this leaflet and keep it in a safe place.

What must I do?

When and what might I be concerned about?

At any time you might be concerned about information which suggests a child is being neglected or experiencing physical, emotional or sexual harm.

You may observe physical signs, notice changes in the child's behaviour or presentation, pick up signs of emotional distress or have a child disclose a harmful experience to you.

Harm to a child can be caused by:

- ◇ A parent/carer
- ◇ A family member/friend
- ◇ Another child
- ◇ A stranger
- ◇ A member of staff/volunteer*

What should I do if a child discloses that s/he is being harmed?

1. Listen

Listen carefully to what is being said to you, do not interrupt.

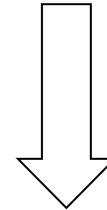
2. Reassure

Reassure the pupil that it is not their fault. Stress that it was the right thing to tell. Be calm, attentive and non-judgemental. Do not promise to keep what is said a secret. Ask non-leading questions e.g (who, what, when, why and how) to clarify if necessary.

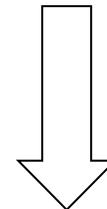
Then follow the steps in the flowchart to the right.

The information you have may not be enough on its own for a Child Protection referral, however it will help your DSL to make a decision about risk of harm to the child.

Share your concerns verbally with the Designated Safeguarding Lead/Deputy DSL without delay. (or Head Teacher/Chair of Governors where appropriate*)



Make a written record (using the child's own words). Sign and date it.



Pass the written record to the DSL/Deputy DSL (where appropriate*) without delay.