

What will happen if we have concerns for your child?

If school has a concern that your child is, or may be, suffering harm within or outside of school. We will act according to our statutory duty to protect your child from any harm or danger. All schools have a duty to refer cases if they have a safeguarding concern.

What does this mean?

What concerns might we have?

- If someone at our school sees an unusual or unexplained injury or mark;
- If your child has said something that worries us;
- If their behaviour is out of the ordinary; or
- If there is any other reason we feel your child may be suffering harm outside of school, we have a legal duty to make a referral.

We will discuss the concern with you and also let you know if a referral has been made, unless to do so would put your child more at risk by informing you.

It is always better for your child if we can work together.

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Monkway Safeguarding Team



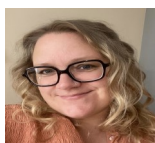
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Pamela Telford



Designated Safeguarding Teacher

Mrs Lucy Harker



Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Lesley Graffin

Governor responsible for Safeguarding

Mr Neil Regan

Children should be free from harm or danger; it is everyone's responsibility to ensure that they are safe. Safeguarding means protecting children from harm and acting on concerns for a child's safety and wellbeing. Harm is ill-treatment or child abuse. This includes physical, sexual, emotional abuse and neglect.

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www.cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk

Introduction

Monkwray Junior School recognises the importance of pupil's welfare and is proud of comments from its last Ofsted report that said: 'There is a strong culture of safeguarding across the school. Pupils feel safe in school and parents and staff agree. Pupils are taught how to stay safe online and how to make positive and healthy choices' (April 2017). We are committed to ensuring all children are safeguarded.

As a consequence, Monkwray Junior School will:

- Establish and maintain an ethos where children feel secure and are listened to within an open and positive school atmosphere;
- Ensure that children have an identified adult in school who they can approach if they are worried or in difficulty;
- Plan opportunities and activities into the curriculum for personal, social, health and citizenship development which equip children with the skills they need to stay safe;
- Will make any referrals necessary to ensure the well being of a pupil is safeguarded;
- Ensure that the school is always a safe environment; and
- Ensure that children's identities and images are protected with regard to published information on the school website, social media and in print.

In addition, the school will fully comply with national and local statutory duties and guidance. (Keeping Children Safe in Education Sept 2020)

The role of staff

Staff in school are in a good position to keep a watchful eye on children and their safety and to protect them from harm. If staff have concerns they have a duty to inform the designated Safeguarding Lead—Mrs Telford, or, in her absence, Mrs Graffin or Mrs Harker immediately.

All staff have completed the relevant Safeguarding training.

Our full and comprehensive policy for Child Protection can be viewed on request to the Headteacher or on the school website.

"No single professional can have a full picture of a child's needs and circumstances and, if children and families receive the right help at the right time, everyone who comes into contact with the, has a role to play in identifying concerns, sharing information and taking appropriate action."

(Working Together to Safeguard Children, HM Government 2015)

The role of the Governing body

Safeguarding children is a collective responsibility for the whole of the Governing Body. Every school should have a designated Governor for child Protection, in this school it is Mrs Joanne Eaves.

The role of the parents/carers

If you have a concern about any child, you must raise this with **Cumbria Safeguarding Hub**. They are a team of social workers, police and health workers. You will find general advice at:

www.cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk/parents

Are you concerned about a child?

If you believe them to be at risk of immediate danger call the Police 999 telephone number.

If you believe there is a safeguarding concern which requires a social work response out of hours call the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on 0333 240 1727.

If the duty worker is already responding to a call there is a message facility allowing the caller to invite a call back by leaving their details and a brief summary of their concern.

During busy periods, calls will sometimes have to be prioritised according to needs and council thresholds.

The EDT is a small team of social workers who work shifts; this means that there are only one or two social workers on call to cover the entire county. They are therefore only able to respond to Emergency situations which cannot wait until the next working day.

The Cumbria LSCB has links to other areas that may be of interest to you.