

Key People Involved in Child Protection and Safeguarding at Beddington Infants' School

We are ALL responsible for protecting all children, but all schools must have a senior member of staff who is responsible for Child Protection and Safeguarding. This is the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is:

Mrs A W Funnell - Assistant Headteacher

If Mr Funnell is not available the Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

Miss L Kearney - Headteacher

Miss Nicola Smith - Deputy Headteacher

Our Child Protection and Safeguarding Governor is Mr Glen Smith

If you need some support or you have a concern about any child we are always willing to help.

Please contact the School Office and ask to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

0208 647 7813
office@beddingtoninfants.org.uk

Other Agencies Who Can Help

Childline: 0800 1111

NSPCC: 0808800 5000
help@nspcc.org.uk

Sutton Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH): 020 8770 6001

Sutton Children's Services – 0208 770 5000 (Ask for the duty social worker).

ThinkUKnow: www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Family Lives / Parentline: 0808 800 2222
familylives.org.uk



Child Protection and Safeguarding at Beddington Infant's School Information for Parents and Carers

What are Child Protection and Safeguarding?

As a school we have a duty to protect all children and keep them safe.

Child Protection is the process of protecting children and young people who have been identified as suffering, or are likely to suffer harm as a result of abuse.

There are four types of abuse:

- Physical
- Sexual
- Emotional
- Neglect

Safeguarding is the action that everyone takes all of the time to keep all children safe. For example:

- Protect children from any type of harm
- Ensure children are safe and well cared for
- Take action so that all children are able to grow up in a safe environment
- Teach children how to keep themselves safe

THE WELFARE AND SAFETY OF ALL CHILDREN IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE.



How we fulfil our Child Protection Duty at Beddington Infant's School.

We have a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy. This can be viewed on the school's website or a copy can be provided to you on request.

We train all staff and volunteers regularly to ensure that they are aware of the signs of abuse and know the processes to follow when they have a concern. We also train all adults regarding their conduct and duties around working with children.

All adults in school have a duty to report any concern about a child to the Designated Safeguarding Lead

Please see further on in this guide for details of our Designated Safeguarding Leads.

We have a duty to talk to other agencies such as Children's Social Care and the Police if we think that any child may have suffered abuse or may be at risk of abuse.

What Happens When We Have a Concern.

When we have a concern about the safety or wellbeing of any child we will discuss this with the parents or carers, unless we think that doing so would put that child at further risk.

When appropriate, we will share relevant information with Sutton Children's Services.

A Social Worker may consult with other agencies before deciding what action to take. They will speak to parents or carers about the concern and keep them informed about what is happening.

If an allegation is made about an adult who works in school, the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), Children's Social Services and the Police be informed. Parents and / or carers of any child involved will be kept informed of the processes and outcomes as appropriate.

ALL CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE PROTECTED FROM HARM.

Some Things That You Can Do to Help Your Child Keep Safe

- Talk to your child about their day and how they are feeling.
- **For older children – make sure you know who your child's friends are and where your child is going if they are out alone.**
- Take care with any internet access that your child may have. The 'ThinkuKnow' website is useful for parents and we can also offer you advice. Allowing your child inappropriate access to the internet is a child protection issue.
- **Make sure your child does not have access to social media sites – for most of these sites children should be aged at least 13 to have an account.**
- Reinforce road safety – we will teach this in school and you can help by reminding your child about road safety.
- **Reinforce stranger danger without scaring them – most people are ok but children need to be aware.**
- We teach the NSPCC 'Pants Rule' in school – talk to your child about this and what it means.
- **Work with us. We want to build good relationships with parents and carers – we are here to help and we want the best for your child and your family.**

PARENTS AND CARERS HAVE A RIGHT TO EXPECT SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL PUPILS.