



Safeguarding Statement

At Beech Hill Community Primary School, the health, safety and well-being of every child is of paramount importance. We expect staff, governors and volunteers to share this commitment to safeguarding our pupils.

We listen to our pupils and take seriously what they tell us. Children are taught how to keep themselves safe, to develop positive and healthy relationships and how to avoid situations where they might be at risk including by being exploited.

All school staff are trained in child protection, and children are made aware of the adults they can talk to if they have any concerns. Staff are trained to look out for signs of physical/emotional harm or neglect and are required to report these to the Designated Safeguarding Officer.

The school also has a statutory responsibility to share any concerns it might have about a child in need of protection with other agencies and in particular police, health and children's services. Schools are not able to investigate child protection concerns but have a legal duty to refer them. In most instances the school will be able to inform the parents/carer of its need to make a referral. However, sometimes the school is advised by children's services or police that the parent/carer cannot be informed whilst they investigate the matter or make enquires. We understand the anxiety parents/carers understandably feel when they are not told about any concerns from the outset. The school follows legislation that aims to act in the interests of the child.

The school will always seek to work in partnership with parents and other agencies to ensure the best possible outcomes for the child and family.

If you have any concerns about Safeguarding, please contact one of the safeguarding team below;

- Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs N. Whittle (Pastoral Manager)
- Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Mrs M. McCarthy (Headteacher)
- Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Mrs A. Saddington (Deputy Headteacher)
- Governor in charge of safeguarding is Mr J. Waterworth