



A Parents' Guide to Safeguarding

Children and families are best supported and protected when there is a co-ordinated response from all relevant agencies

At Manorcroft Primary School we understand the requirement to create a safe and secure environment for all children to grow, develop and achieve their full, individual potential.

To ensure that all children flourish, we will strive to protect them from harmful influences and actions either on the part of themselves or others. By doing this we will enable each and every child to maximise their own life chances. We encourage our pupils to approach any member of our staff if they are worried or have concerns.

In accordance with our Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy, we have a duty of care to effectively safeguard all the children in our school.

We will:

- Value all children and ensure they are at the centre of our work
- Listen to and observe the children we work with
- Follow up any absences from school and missed appointments with staff
- Share all of our concerns with parents and carers respectfully, honestly and in a timely manner
- Liaise with the Children's Single Point of Access (C-SPA) for advice, as and when appropriate, including making referrals about suspected harm
- Record conversations and share with other professionals where appropriate
- Ensure all staff, governors, visitors and anyone else who is involved in the school's work are aware of, and committed to, the Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy and procedures

Manorcroft Primary School has a shared ethos that safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility and children have a right to be protected from all forms of abuse and neglect. It is better to help children as early as possible, before issues escalate and become more damaging.

You can:

- Talk to a member of staff about any issues you may have that are affecting family life - please call the school office (01784 432155) in the first instance so the person best placed to support you can be made available
- Discuss more complex issues with a Designated Safeguarding Lead (*see list below*)
- Ensure your child/children attends school every day in term time unless they are unwell
- Inform us of any absences and reasons for these
- Access support in school for your child who may have been through a trauma or emotional upheaval

Designated Safeguarding Leads at Manorcroft Primary School:

Mrs L. Kinnett	Deputy Headteacher	Lead DSL
Mrs T. Betteridge	Home School Link Worker (HSLW)	Deputy DSL
Mrs H. Weal	Assistant Headteacher	Deputy DSL
Ms A. Wheeler	Headteacher	Deputy DSL
Miss B. Woods	SENCo	Deputy DSL