



Chalfont St Peter Infant School

'Learning Together and Celebrating Success'

Headteacher: Mrs A Whittall

Safeguarding Statement

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all practitioners make sure their approach is child-centred. This means that we should consider, at all times, what is in the best interests of the child.

At Chalfont St Peter Infant School, the safeguarding of our pupils is paramount. All staff are aware of their responsibility to safeguard all pupils, and we provide staff with regular training so that they can do so.

Our aim is for children to enjoy their time as pupils in this school and feel safe and secure. We want to work in partnership with you and your child to ensure they enjoy a positive learning environment which supports them to achieve their full potential and make a positive contribution.

To promote a safe environment for pupils, our selection and recruitment policy includes all checks on staff and regular volunteers' suitability, including Disclosure and Barring checks, as recommended by Buckinghamshire County Council and in line with current legislation.

We are also mindful of our responsibilities under Section 175/157 of the Education Act 2002 and 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' Latest updates May 2024. At the beginning of every academic year all staff and governors read the KCSiE document and sign a form to confirm that they have read and understand the implications of this important documentation.

We have a Designated Safeguarding Lead for Child Protection Mrs Whittall our Head teacher and a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads Mrs West and assistant Mrs Ireland. They have received appropriate training for this role. Additionally, all staff receive Child Protection training on a regular basis to support them to develop their understanding of risks both in the real world and online, which may impact on our students and their welfare. All staff also undertake PREVENT training.

At Chalfont St Peter Infant School we will always endeavour to work with parents to ensure that our pupils are kept safe. We recognise that the parents are the primary carers and that they play a vital role in keeping them safe. Where possible, we invite parents in to school for face-to-face conversations if we feel the safety of their child is at risk.

Occasions do arise when our concern about a child requires us to consult other agencies. Whilst we would always aim to work in partnership with parents, there may be exceptions to this when concerns are raised for the protection of a child.

On very rare occasions Social Care, whilst undertaking an investigation under Section 47 of the Children Act 1989, may wish to speak to a child without parental knowledge. This would be a decision made in collaboration with partner agencies and only be done in situations where a child might be at immediate risk of harm. To gain consent at this point may increase the level of risk to the child or cause evidence of a crime to be lost.

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The procedures, which we follow, have been laid down by the Local Safeguarding Children's Board, and the School has adopted a Child Protection Policy in line with this for the safety of all. If you want to know more about our procedures, please speak to our Safeguarding Leads.

Designated Safeguarding Leads

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Mrs Alison Whittall 01753 884279

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Janet West

Assistant Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Rebecca Ireland

Nominated Safeguarding Governor: Mrs Sue Wallis

This Statement is reviewed annually

Next review: Autumn 2024