

## Photographs

If you would like to upload any photographs of your children at school events such as, school productions or assemblies please remember that only your child should be on the picture. We have some children that cannot for safety reasons be photographed.

Visitors will be advised of the ban on the use of camera phones in school and will be accompanied by a member of staff during the duration of the visit unless they have a DBS .

Staff are only able to use mobile phones in office areas, the staff room or areas away from the children whilst school is in session.

Children who bring a mobile phone onto the school premises are expected to hand their phone in at the office at the beginning of the school day and collect it at the end of the school day..

## Resources for parents/carers

The NSPCC website has some fantastic resources to help parents educate their children about keeping themselves safe.

Visit their website at [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

Wirral Safeguarding Children Board also offer a wealth of information for parents/carers and children.

Visit their website at [www.wirral.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/children/wirral-safeguarding-childrens-board/safeguarding](http://www.wirral.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/children/wirral-safeguarding-childrens-board/safeguarding)

# Safeguarding children within our school



This leaflet is designed to help parents and carers who visit our school to understand the expected behaviour around our school in order to ensure our children's safety and wellbeing.

We welcome visitors to our school.

Our priority is to ensure our school remains a safe place for children, staff and all other members of our community.

If you have concerns we will always listen to them and seek to address them in line with our complaints policy.

Please be aware that we operate a zero tolerance towards abusive, threatening or violent behaviour towards any member of staff, in school or online.

Visitors behaving in this way are likely to be removed from the premises, banned from accessing the school grounds and the police may be called.



## What is safeguarding ?

Parents/carers and visitors coming on to our school premises, including the playground and inside the buildings, have a duty of care towards the welfare of the children and the adults at our school, this is called safeguarding.

Every child can potentially be hurt, put at risk from harm or abused regardless of their age, gender, religion, ethnicity or disability.

Safeguarding means that:

- Children are protected from mistreatment
- A child's health, or development, is protected
- Children grow up with safe and effective care
- Action is taken to ensure the best outcomes for all children

Safeguarding is the action we take to promote the welfare of the children in our care and to protect them from harm. We take this very seriously.

Equally we are all responsible for ensuring we safeguard each other as adults whilst at school.

## Child protection

This is the process of protecting children who may be suffering from, or at risk of , significant harm.

This includes physical abuse, sexual abuse ,neglect and emotional harm.

Child protection promotes the rights and welfare of all children. All schools have a Child Protection Lead. This member of staff is responsible for speaking to parents if concerns arise, and making referrals to Children's Social Care with or without parental permission. For more details please read a copy of our Child Protection policy

## School guidelines

By following these simple guidelines you safeguard the children of our school and yourself.

### Parents /carers in the school grounds

1. Parents must never approach other people's children to discuss any type of issue with them. This is unacceptable and the school will take immediate action should this happen. This may involve calling Children's Social Care as this is our legal duty. We may also call the police.
2. Parents should not approach other parents if they have an issue with either them or their child. This is not the right way to deal with problems and leads to:
  - Unacceptable behaviour on our school grounds
  - Children feeling frightened
  - Both adults and children feeling unsafe on school grounds
3. If you see, or hear something that concerns you regarding the welfare of one of our pupils:
  - Come into school and speak to a teacher
  - Make a note of the concerns including the time, date, factual details and names where possible; pass this information to school. You can remain anonymous if you wish.



## Safeguarding and Social Media

Although social network sites may appear to be the quickest and easiest way to express frustrations or concerns about school (and those associated with it), it is rarely appropriate to do so. Other channels such as a private and confidential discussion with the School or using the schools formal complaints process are much better suited to this.

The School considers the following examples to be inappropriate uses of social networking sites. (This list is a non-exhaustive and intends to provide examples only):

- Making allegations about staff or pupils at the school
- Making complaints about the school or school staff
- Posting negative or offensive comments about specific pupil or school staff
- Posting racist or homophobic comments
- Posting comments which threatens violence

Parents should also ensure that their children are not using social networking or internet sites in an appropriate manner. It is expected that parents/carers explain to their children what is acceptable to post online. Parents/carers are also expected to monitor their children's online activity, including in relation to their use of social media.