



“We want every child to be happy, caring and successful.”

SAFEGUARDING AT CEDARS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Everyone at Cedars Primary School has a duty to help keep children and young people safe by providing a safe environment, identifying children and young people who are suffering or likely to suffer significant harm and taking appropriate action.

Safeguarding ‘...is the action we take to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm and it is everybody’s responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with Children and families has a role to play.’

Working Together 2018

Child Protection ‘...is part of safeguarding and promoting welfare. It refers to the activity that is undertaken to protect specific children who are suffering, or are likely to suffer significant harm.’

Working Together 2018

The information in this leaflet outlines what you can do as a visitor to work together to keep our pupils safe at Cedars Primary School.

We recognise that all members of the school community including visitors at all times play a full and active part in protecting our pupils from harm.

What might I be concerned about?

At any time you may be concerned about information which suggests a child is being neglected or experiencing physical, emotional or sexual abuse (FGM, radicalisation, extremism, child sexual exploitation, county line).

You may observe physical signs, notice changes in the child's behaviour or presentation, pick up signs of emotional distress or have a child disclose a harmful experience to you. Harm to a child can be caused by:

- a parent/carer
- a family member/friend
- another child, a stranger
- a member of staff/volunteer

What should I do if a child discloses that s/he is being harmed?

1. Recognise

- Listen carefully to what is being said to you, do not interrupt.
- Reassure the child that it is not their fault
- Stress that it was the right thing to tell
- Be calm, attentive and non-judgemental
- Do not promise to keep what is said a secret

- Ask non-leading questions (TED) to clarify if necessary

Tell me more...

Explain that to me...

Describe what happened...-

- Allow the child to say what they need to say, do not stop them

2. Respond

- Inform one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads without delay

-Safeguarding a child is paramount

3. Report

- Complete a Cedars Primary Safeguarding Concern Report (found in the Staffroom on the safeguarding board) and pass to one of our DSLs (Designated Safeguarding Leads)
- This information will be followed up immediately by one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads

The information you have may not be enough on its own for a Child Protection referral to the MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub), however it will help our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) to make a decision about risk of harm to the child and how to move forward to protect and support that child.

What should I do if the alleged abuser is a member of staff? (Whistle Blowing)

If your concern is about a staff member or volunteer, you should report this to the Designated Safeguarding Lead immediately. The Headteacher will inform the LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer) according to policy. If you are not happy with the outcome of a concern you have raised, please go back to the DSL. Remember you can report directly to MASH.

At Cedars Primary School there is a team of trained Designated Safeguarding Leads:

- Mrs Lisa Munday – Headteacher (Lead DSL)
- Mrs Claire McGarragh – Deputy Head (Deputy Designated Lead)
- Miss Rachel Alger – SENCO (Deputy Designated Lead)
- Safeguarding Governor - Mrs Pat Herring

Please do not hesitate to contact us at the school (01908 610561) or office @cedarsprimary.milton-keynes.sch.uk for ANY concern that you may have.

- Milton Keynes Referral Hub (MASH): 01908 253169/70 - Out of Hours: 01908 265545