

Keeping Children Safe

Hopton Primary School is committed to creating a happy and safe environment for all our children to learn.

This leaflet will help you understand how we keep your children safe.

Child Protection

This is an important subject in which all staff receive regular training. Our aim is to work with you but there may be times when we have to involve other people. Everybody has the responsibility to keep all children safe from harm.

Harm is identified in four ways:

PHYSICAL: When a child is deliberately hurt or injured.

SEXUAL: When a child is influenced or forced to take part in sexual activity. This can be physical and non-physical e.g. being made to look at an inappropriate image.

EMOTIONAL: When a child is made to feel frightened, worthless or unloved. It can be shouting, using threats or making fun of someone. It can also be when children see their parents, or visitors to the home, fighting or using violence.

NEGLECT: When a child is not being taken care of by their parents/carers. It can be poor hygiene, poor diet, not keeping appointments for additional support, not coming to school, being left home alone.

Safeguarding Staff

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Miss Suzanne Henderson. In order to carry out this role she has to receive additional and more regular training.



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Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

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Safeguarding Governor: Mrs Carol Peel

If you have any concerns both in and out of school please contact school.

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What School Must Do

A child should be able to come to school and feel safe so that they can achieve their very best.

- Anybody who works at Hopton has a Enhanced DBS check, to make sure they are safe to work with children, they are then trained to identify child abuse and what to do if they are concerned. Volunteers are also checked and always work under the guidance of school staff. Volunteers are never left unsupervised with any children.
- The school has a Designated Safeguarding Lead, **Miss Suzanne Henderson**, who has had extra training to know what to do when a concern is brought to her.
- We will always listen to you and work closely with you if we are concerned about your child but, sometimes, we may not be able to discuss our concern. Hopton has a safeguarding policy which tells you more about this and when we must speak to the police or children's services. The policy can be found on the school website.
- We will help your child to learn about keeping safe. Lessons and assemblies include, for example healthy eating, anti-bullying, online safety, healthy relationships, stranger danger, fire-work safety.

What School Must Do continued.....

- As part of these lessons your child will be told what to do if they are worried or concerned about their safety.
- We carry out regular fire drills and lockdown practice so that your child knows what to in these situations.

What Parents Must Do

Parents are the most important people to keep their children safe. You should always;

- Feel confident to raise concerns about your child.
- Talk to school if you need help and support.
- Let the school know if your child has a medical condition.
- Let the school know if there are any safeguarding concerns about your child e.g. court orders.
- Let the school know if there is a change in your circumstances such as house move, new contact number, a change in name, a change in parental responsibility.
- Complete the Emergency Contact form and inform the office staff when it needs updating.
- Let the school know if your child is going to be absent and the reasons why.

Safeguarding Issues

Attendance— your child's attendance is monitored daily and significant absences are always followed up by the Kirklees attendance officer.

Behaviour— Hopton has positive behavior policy for the whole school that must be followed to keep everybody safe and happy. All behavior concerns will be dealt with by the class teacher, Key Stage leader or headteacher. If we have any concerns about your child's behavior we will contact you.

Bullying— The school takes all cases of bullying very seriously and will work with children and families to try and resolve any problems. You can view our Anti-Bullying policy on the school website.

Wellbeing/Mental Health— Children are taught about emotional wellbeing in PSHE and RSE lessons. Sometimes small group or individual work will be carried out with children. Parents will always be consulted about this process.

Health and Safety— Everyone at Hopton has a responsibility to make sure adults and children work in a safe environment. Regular health and safety checks are carried out by the head teacher and governors.

Online Safety — Technology plays a very important part in education and home life. We are committed to safeguarding children whilst they are online. Each year group is taught how to keep themselves safe online. We regularly send out online-safety newsletters with the latest help and advice.

Complaints and Compliments: If you have any complaints or compliments about how the school is working with you or your child please feel confident to speak to us. We will be happy to discuss your concerns. It is better to speak to us as soon as possible so that the problem does not become a bigger issue. If you do not feel the matter has been resolved, you can raise your concerns with the governing body.