

Keeping Children Safe

Shankhill Primary School is committed to creating a happy and safe environment for our children to learn. This leaflet will help you understand how we keep your child safe by telling you:

- How children can be harmed.
- What we must do to keep your child safe from harm.
- What you must do as a parent or carer to help your child be safe and enjoy school.

Child Protection

This is an important subject in which all staff receive regular training. Our priority is to work with you but there may be times when we have to involve other people. Everyone has a responsibility to keep all children under the age of 18 safe. Harm can be identified in four ways:

Physical - This is when a child is deliberately hurt or injured.

Sexual - This is when a child is influenced or forced to take part in a sexual activity. This can be a physical activity or none physical, e.g. being made to look at an inappropriate image.

Emotional - This is when a child is made to feel frightened, worthless or unloved. It can be by shouting, using threats or making fun of someone. It can also include a child seeing their parents, or visitors to the home, fighting or using violence.

Neglect - This is when a child is not being taken care of by their parents/carers. It can include poor hygiene or diet, not keeping appointments for additional support, not coming to school or being left home alone.

Useful Contacts



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Safeguarding information can also be accessed on **0333 240 1727** and www.cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk



Safeguarding Children at Shankhill C of E Primary School



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An information leaflet for Visitors/
Parents and Carers.

What School Must Do

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

Anybody who works or volunteers at Shankhill Primary on a regular basis will be subject to rigorous checks including, where necessary, a Disclosure and Barring Service disclosure to make sure they are safe to work around children; trained to identify child abuse and what to do if they are concerned.

The school has a specially trained Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs L. Batey, who knows exactly what to do when a concern is brought to her attention.



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. The school has a Child Protection Policy which tells you more about this and when we must speak to the Police or Children's Services. Please ask us about how you can see a copy of this policy, which is also available on the school's website.

We will help your child to learn about keeping themselves safe. Lessons can include healthy eating, anti-bullying, online safety, road safety, healthy relationships, and drug and alcohol awareness. As part of these lessons your child will be told what to do if they are worried or concerned about their safety.

What Parents Must Do



Parents and carers are the most important people to keep their children safe.

As a parent or carer you should always:

- feel confident to raise concerns about your child;
- talk to school staff if you need help or support;
- read the school Policies about safety issues;
- let the school know if your child has a medical condition;
- let the school know if you have any court orders relating to the safety of your child;
- let the school know if there is a change in your circumstances such as a house move, a new contact number, a change of name or a change of parental responsibility;
- let school know who will be dropping off or collecting your child and provide two other emergency contact numbers. You must inform the school of any changes to agreed arrangements;
- 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. Significant absences are always followed up by the attendance officer. The school has an attendance policy that you should read and understand.

Behaviour - Shankhill Primary has clear behaviour rules for the whole school community that must be followed to keep everyone safe and happy. We understand that children do sometimes fall out and this will be dealt with by an adult who will listen to the children involved and help to resolve the situation.

Bullying - The school takes all cases of bullying very seriously and will work with children and families to try and resolve any problems. The school has procedures for dealing with bullying that you should read and understand.

Health and Safety - Everyone at Shankhill Primary has a responsibility to help keep adults and children working in a safe environment. The school has a clear Health and Safety Policy which everyone must follow. The school has fully trained first aiders who deal with any accidents in school.

Online Safety - The school recognises that technology plays an important role in the education of our children and is committed to safeguarding children in the virtual world. To support parents and carers, the school has online safety information to help keep your child safe both in school and at home. This is on www.shankhill.cumbria.sch.uk

Complaints - If you have any complaints about how the school is working with you or your child please feel confident to speak to us. The Head teacher will always be happy to speak to you to resolve any difficulties. It is better to speak to us as soon as you have a concern so that it 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.