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# Safeguarding Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first edition of our safeguarding newsletter for parents and carers. We would like to remind you all that at Fairway Primary Academy, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and our top priority. Everyone who comes in to contact with the children and families who comprise our community has a role to play.

Everything that we do has the children at its centre. Their wellbeing, their safety, their achievement, their happiness underpins every decision we make. Often when safeguarding is mentioned, the immediate thought is about child protection – when a child is suffering harm, or is in danger of suffering harm. However, safeguarding is much more complex than this and encompasses a very wide range of areas. At Fairway we ensure that all of our staff are well trained in all aspects of safeguarding and this training is regularly updated and frequently revisited throughout the year. We also ensure that our curriculum provides the children with age-appropriate opportunities to learn how to keep themselves healthy and safe.

With this in mind, we will continue to send out a termly newsletter informing you of any recent safeguarding updates as well as providing you with key information around a range of safeguarding issues.

This issue will introduce you to the school's current Designated Safeguarding Team and the DfE document 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' 2024.

'[Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024](#)' is a statutory Department for Education document that all schools are required to follow when carrying out their duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. It covers many aspects of safeguarding, including different forms of abuse, early help processes, safer-recruitment, how concerns must be reported and the role of the Designated Safeguarding Leads. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development
- Ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

## Types of Child Abuse

Physical

Sexual

Emotional

Neglect

### Who to contact if you have a concern about a child.

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Designated Safeguarding leads:



Mrs Carrier



Miss Byrne



Mrs Sawyers



Mrs Addis



Miss Kehoe

They can be contacted via the school office, or by telephone on 0121 464 3200.

For a copy of our school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, please visit the policies page on our school website- you will find this under the governance section.

**If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police on 999.**

### What is a Designated Safeguarding Lead?

Each school must have an appropriate senior member of staff to take lead responsibility for child protection. Key aspects of the 'Designated Safeguarding Lead' role include:

- Ensuring that all staff are aware of the processes for raising safeguarding concerns
- Ensuring all staff understand the signs of child abuse and neglect
- Referring any significant concerns to Social Care
- Monitoring children who are the subject of Child Protection and CiN (Child in Need) Plans
- Maintaining accurate and secure child protection records
- Raising awareness of the school's safeguarding policies and procedures, and ensuring these are implemented and reviewed regularly.

### The Safeguarding Curriculum

We believe that one of the best ways to safeguard children is to equip them with the knowledge and skills to be able to keep themselves safe.

Safeguarding themes are interwoven throughout our curriculum and the opportunities we offer in school. Some examples include:

- Weekly whole school and key stage assemblies which are delivered to all children from EYFS to Y6
- Online Safety days with age-appropriate workshops
- Online safety discussions within computing and other relevant lessons
- Involvement in Anti-Bullying Week and Mental Health Awareness Week
- Relationships, Sex & Health Education (RSHE) lessons
- Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE) lessons