"No single professional can have a full picture of a child's need and circumstances and, if children and families are to receive the right help at the right time, everyone who comes into contact with them has a role to play in identifying concerns, sharing information and taking prompt action."

(Working Together to Safeguard Children, HM Government 2013)

INTRODUCTION

Vicarage Park CE Primary School is committed to ensuring all children are safeguarded and that pupil welfare is paramount. As a consequence Vicarage Park Primary School will:

- Establish and maintain an ethos where children feel secure and are listened to with an open and positive school atmosphere.
- Ensure that children know that there are adults in school who they can approach if they are worried or in difficulty.
- Include in the Curriculum activities and opportunities for PHSE, Drugs Education and 'Circle Time' which equip children with the skills they need to stay safe from abuse.



- Ensure that children's identities and images are protected with regard to published information on the school, particularly on web sites and in the media.
- Ensure that the school is always a safe environment

In addition the school will fully comply with national and local statutory duties and guidance. At Vicarage Park CE Primary School we adhere to Cumbria's Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) procedures:

https://cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk/



ROLE OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Safeguarding children is a collective responsibility for the whole of the Governing Body. Every school should have a **Nominated Governor** for Safeguarding/Child Protection, in this school it is: **Mrs Shelagh Hughes-Governor**

The Designated Person is: Mrs Katie Green and in her absence: Mrs Natalie Evans.

The Safeguarding Team are subject to the school's safeguarding Training Plan to ensure their knowledge and experience is current.

The **Education Act 2002:** Section 175 sect ii) states that:

"The Governing Body of a maintained school shall make arrangements for ensuring that their functions relating to the conduct of the school are exercised with a view to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children who are pupils at the school."

...Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility -Help us to keep all our children safe....

ACTION

The staff at Vicarage Park CE Primary School are in a good position to keep a watchful eye on children and their safety and to protect them from abuse and neglect. If they have concerns they must inform the designated person for Child Protection, Mrs Green immediately, or in her absence Mrs Evans.

All referrals will be made through customer advisers/duty social workers who are based at the Safeguarding Hub.

If there is uncertainty as to whether to refer a child then the school will speak to a duty social worker to discuss the concerns and consequently provide the school with advice/consultation.

The telephone number of this 24 hour service is:

0300 373 2723

Anybody with a concern about a child in Westmorland and Furness can contact Children's Services on this single number.

Calls between 9am to 5pm Monday to Thursday and 9am to 4:30pm Friday will go direct to the central triage team for action.

Their email address is: <u>safeguarding.hub@westmorlandandfurness.gov.</u> <u>uk</u> Emergency calls during evenings and weekends will be answered by the emergency duty team that can be contacted on the same number.

Telephone: 0300 373 2724

Allegations against staff

Vicarage Park CE Primary School has procedures for dealing with allegations against members of staff and volunteers that comply with Cumbria LSCB guidance in line with Chapter 7 requirements 'Allegations against Staff'. All allegations will be reported within one working day to the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)

LADO: 0300 303 3897

The full policy can be viewed on request to the Head teacher.





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