

**Sherwell
Valley** PRIMARY
SCHOOL

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Child Protection Policy: Good Practice Guidelines for Parents

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Sherwell Valley Primary School

Safeguarding Children at Sherwell Valley Primary School

Good Practice Guidelines for Parents

This information is designed to help all parents and carers who visit our school, including at the beginning and end of the school day, to understand the expected behaviour around our children in order to ensure their safety.

All adults coming onto the school premises, including the playground and inside the building, have a duty of care towards the welfare of the children at our school and that of all adults.

Together we have a collective responsibility.

Every child can potentially be hurt, put at risk from harm or abused, regardless of their age, gender, religion or ethnicity.

Safeguarding means that:

- Children are protected from mistreatment
- A child's health, or development, is protected
- Children grow up with safe and effective care
- Action is taken to ensure the best outcomes for all children

Safeguarding is the action we take to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. It is everyone's responsibility.

Equally we are all responsible for ensuring we all safeguard each other as adults.

Child Protection

This is the process of protecting children who may be suffering from, or at risk of, significant harm. This includes physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect and emotional harm.

Child protection promotes the rights and welfare of all our children. Our school Child Protection leader is Mr J Kingston and our Safeguarding Governor is Mr A. Martin. Mr Kingston is responsible for speaking to parents if concerns arise, and making referrals to Children's Social Care with, or without, parental permission. For more details please read a copy of our Child Protection Policy.

Resources for parents to help safeguard their children

The NSPCC website has some useful resources to help parents educate their children about keeping themselves safe. Visit their website at www.nspcc.org.uk

One of their current campaigns is called The Underwear Rule. They have created a parent-friendly set of resources to help you have simple conversations with young children about keeping themselves safe. Take time to have a look.

School guidelines

By following these simple guidelines you will be safeguarding yourself and our pupils:

Parents in the school grounds

1. Parents must refrain from approaching other peoples' children to discuss any type of issue with them. This is unacceptable and may lead to the school having to take further action, including calling Children's Social Care or the police. When threatening and unfamiliar adults approach children they can be made to feel very scared and vulnerable so please come into school and let us deal with it.
2. Parents should not approach other parents if they have an issue with them or their child. This is not the right way to deal with problems and can lead to both adults and children feeling unsafe on school grounds.
3. If you see or hear something that concerns you regarding the welfare of one of our pupils please come into school and discuss it with a member of staff, providing as many details as possible. You may remain anonymous if you wish.

Social Networking

Talking on Facebook

Please refrain from discussing the school, or its staff on a social networking site such as Facebook or Twitter. This protects not only the school but yourselves too. Members of staff may feel the need to contact the police if there are malicious comments made about them or the school.

Photographs/Video footage

If you would like to upload any photographs or video of your children at school events such as sports days, school productions or assemblies, please remember that we have some children who cannot, for safety reasons, be photographed. Please try to keep it to your own children, especially if you haven't sought permission from the other parents.

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