

Safeguarding and Child Protection at Heath Primary School

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Why have a Newsletter?

Safeguarding and child protection are critical issues. To ensure we all work together with the aim of keeping children safe at school, at home, and in the wider community, we are introducing a half-termly newsletter. This newsletter will provide key information and advice for parents and carers.

Safeguarding statement of intent.

At Heath Primary School, the welfare of every child is our utmost priority. We are committed to ensuring the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of every pupil, providing them with a safe and supportive environment both within and beyond the school premises.

Our school maintains a zero-tolerance policy on all forms of abuse. We emphasise the importance of ingraining safeguarding awareness within our pupils through various learning methods. Our curriculum is meticulously designed to foster not only academic excellence but also personal growth and security. This includes comprehensive programs like RSHE (Relationships, Sex, and Health Education), PSHE (Personal, Social, Health, and Economic Education), SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social, and Cultural Development), as well as assemblies, circles, workshops, and regular newsletters.

Our diverse curriculum equips children with the knowledge and skills essential for personal development, behaviour, and welfare. We educate children about Protected Characteristics and British Values, providing them with the tools necessary for self-protection and lifelong learning.

At Heath Primary School, we adopt a child-centred approach. Our vision is to ensure every child's voice is heard and valued. This is reflected through our various pupil voice groups, including mental health and well-being ambassadors, anti-bullying ambassadors, green team, pupil parliament, reading ambassadors, sports captains, and I-vengers. This inclusive environment empowers our children to grow into successful adults, ready to embrace future challenges.

We aim to lay the foundations for lifelong learning, enabling children to become successful young adults who can handle future challenges. By integrating safeguarding into every aspect of school life, we strive to inspire, nurture, and encourage our students to be the best they can be. Our shared commitment among children, parents, staff, and governors ensures we prepare our pupils for life in modern Britain, with safeguarding being a top priority throughout our school community.

**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**



Useful Acronyms & Vocabulary about Safeguarding

- **DSL:** Designated Safeguarding Lead
- **PREVENT:** Part of the PREVENT Governments Counter Terrorism Strategy to stop people being drawn into extremism
- **SPOC:** Single Point of Contact (PREVENT) responsible for preventing children being impacted by radicalisation.
- **LADO:** Local Authority Designated Officer who deals with position of trust safeguarding issues
- **DBS:** Disclosure & Barring DBS Service used to make safe recruitment decision
- **CEOP:** - Child Exploitation and Online Protection centre
- **Early Help:** providing Early Help support as soon as a problem emerges, at any point in a child's life.

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Who's who at Heath Primary School.

Mr Lynch - Senior DSL & SPOC



Mrs Hill - Deputy DSL



Mrs Brough - DSL



Miss Peltell - Safeguarding Governor



Who to contact if you have any concerns about a child.

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact the DSL team straightaway. If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police on **999** or Call Derbyshire on **01629 533190**

The Role of the Designated Safeguarding Lead at Heath Primary School?

At Heath Primary School, the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) plays a crucial role in taking lead responsibility for child protection issues within the school. Our DSL team is composed of senior members of the school's leadership team to ensure a high level of expertise and authority in safeguarding matters. The team includes:

Mr. Lynch – the senior DSL

Mrs. Hill – the deputy DSL

Mrs. Brough, Mrs. Wild, and Mrs. McCubbin – additional members of our safeguarding DSL team

A DSL is always available during school hours for staff to discuss any safeguarding concerns they have. Additionally, DSLs are always contactable for our parents and carers. If you need to speak to a member of the safeguarding team, please visit the school office and ask for assistance.

DSLs are trained specifically for this role, with their training being updated every two years. They also participate in additional training and conferences to stay informed

about best practices and legal requirements.

Key Responsibilities of a DSL:

Support: Collaborating with staff, parents, and external agencies

Guidance: Providing advice and training to staff

Referrals: Managing and directing safeguarding concerns to appropriate services

Records: Keeping accurate and secure records of safeguarding issues

Our dedicated DSL team ensures that the safety and well-being of every child at Heath Primary School is a top priority.

How can we support at school?



Mrs. Hill (Assistant Head) and **Mrs. McCubbin** (Family Liaison Worker) are here to support all our children and families.

Mrs. Hill assists with Child Protection/Child in Need plans, Early Help Assessments, legalities, and connects you with external agencies

Mrs. McCubbin is DSL and ELSA trained, working across the school to support children's social and emotional needs, whether in group or individual sessions tailored to each child's requirements.

And remember, they both will offer a helping hand, a listening ear, and non-judgmental advice. They are always available for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee if you have any worries or concerns!

Our Wonderful Nurture Provision

We're lucky to have Mrs. May and Mrs. Wileman running our Nurture Provision. It offers a safe, supportive space with routines to foster social, emotional, and behavioural growth.

Useful links and websites

[Useful Links & Parental Guidance - Heath Primary School](#)

[Safeguarding \(Including Policies\) - Heath Primary School](#)

[Early Help Offer - Heath Primary School](#)



CEOP.police.uk

