

Boughton under Blean and Dunkirk Methodist Primary School Parent Friendly Safeguarding Policy

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*Doing all the good we
can....*

This Policy reflects the values and philosophy of our school.

We believe all children should remain safe and free from harm. As such, we are committed to playing a full part in the multi-agency response to child protection concerns.

Additionally, we as a school, have a legal duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of the children and to have a Safeguarding Policy.

Staff at Boughton under Blean and Dunkirk Methodist Primary, have day to day contact with pupils, and some direct work with families, which means that we have a crucial role to play in noticing signs of possible abuse or neglect. Parents and Carers need to be aware that if it appears to a member of staff that a child may have been abused, the school is required, as part of the local safeguarding procedures to report the concern to Social Care immediately. Therefore, to avoid any misunderstandings, parents and carers should inform the school immediately if their child sustains any accidental injuries that result in cuts/ bruises/ fractures.

Principles

- Children have a right to be safe, to be listened to, valued and respected.
- Parents and Carers have a right to be informed of any concerns regarding their child.
- Children are best protected when parents and settings work together.
- All staff and volunteers are given appropriate training and support.
- All staff and volunteers are subject to rigorous recruitment checks

Principles in practice

In order to ensure children are effectively protected we ensure that;

- The senior leadership team and Family Liaison Officer are all Designated

Safeguarding Leads with responsibility for safeguarding and child protection.

- All staff are trained in Child Protection annually and are made aware of changes in legislation as they occur.
- A parent friendly Child protection Leaflet is provided for all children and their families.
- The Safeguarding Policy is reviewed by the governing body annually.
- Safeguarding reports are provided to the full governing body termly.

Partnership

The school will inform parents of any concerns about their child (providing it does not compromise the pupils' safety) and will help support them as necessary.

Prevention

We will take positive action to prevent children from suffering abuse and neglect through the development of an open culture that informs children of their rights and encourages them to speak about any concerns.

Pupils also learn about keeping themselves safe within the curriculum.

Responding to Concerns

We will refer all allegations or concerns that a child has been or is likely to be abused or neglected to Social Care within the Children's Services Department. School will consult with other agencies when it has concerns that a child may have been abused or neglected.

We will discuss with the parents or carers any concerns they have about children. Parents and carers will be kept informed of what has happened.

Peer on Peer Abuse (Child/ Child Abuse)

Physical and emotional abuse of children by other children will be dealt with through the school's Anti-Bullying Policy. Parents and carers will be kept informed. All concerns about possible sexual Abuse will be referred to Social Care.

Definition of Child Abuse

Children may be abused by a parent, a sibling or other relative or carer, someone known to them or by a stranger, who may be an adult or a young person (including a child).

The abuse may be the result of a deliberate act or of a failure on the part of a parent or carer to act or provide proper care, or both. Abuse may include any or all of the following:

- Neglect
- Physical Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Emotional Abuse
- Domestic Abuse

Abuse can be through direct contact or through other ways of communication such as online.

Child Protection Conferences

The school will attend conferences and provide information about families and children. School will keep confidential child protection records separately from a pupils academic and other records.

Confidentiality

Information from parents about possible child abuse cannot be kept confidential. Information and records about children on the Child Protection Register will be given only to those people who need it and will be kept strictly confidential by them.

A full copy of the school's Safeguarding Policy is available on the school website. [Policies | Boughton Under Blean & Dunkirk Primary School \(bad.kent.sch.uk\)](#)

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