



Child Protection statement
Whaddon C of E School
2023-2024

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Whaddon C of E School fully recognises its responsibilities for Child Protection.

This Child Protection Statement provides an overview of the school's position and should be read in conjunction with the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policies. Full copies of both policies are available upon request from the school office and are also available to download from the safeguarding page of the school website.

The Designated Child Protection person is the Headteacher Mrs Sarah Prior. The Deputy Designated people are Mrs Marchant and Miss Evans. The Designated Child Protection Governor is Mrs Amanda Hardman. All of the aforementioned have received appropriate and up-to-date training for this role.

The safety and welfare of our pupils is the school's paramount concern. As a school, we do all we can to promote the welfare of pupils and ensure that children are protected from harm both within the school and beyond our direct control.

To that end we are committed to:

- Establishing and maintaining an ethos where children feel safe, secure, valued and respected
- Creating a climate where children are encouraged to talk openly and are always listened to
- Ensure that all children are aware that there are adults in the school that they can approach, if they are worried or are in difficulty, and signpost them to the information as to who these adults are.
- Including opportunities through the PSHCE and wider curriculum and collective worship times for children to develop the skills they need to recognise potential harm and how to stay safe from it.

The staff are aware that it is their responsibility to be alert to the signs of abuse and to follow the procedures as set out in the school's Child Protection Policy, reviewed in line with updates to Keeping Children Safe in Education (2023) and *Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018)

* This is under consultation and may involve amendments to the Safeguarding and Child Protection policies when agreed and published later in 2023.

The staff at Whaddon C of E School are aware that the culture in our school is
"It is happening here. Do I know what to do when a child discloses to me?"

With this in mind, all staff complete yearly Child Protection training provided by the Local Authority and have key contextual safeguarding agenda area training provided throughout the programme of planned CPD for the school e.g: FGM, CEOPS, county lines, Prevent, Child on Child abuse, online bullying, modern slavery.

The role of the school, in situations where there are child protection concerns, is not to investigate but to recognise and refer.