



Safeguarding Statement 2023

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is: Mrs. Sarah Prior, Headteacher

The Designated Safeguarding Governor is: Mrs Amanda Hardman

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are: Mrs Lizzie Marchant and Miss Beth Evans

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“At Whaddon C of E School, the health, safety and well-being of every child are our paramount concern. We listen to our pupils and take seriously what they tell us. Our aim is for children to enjoy their time as pupils in this school. We want to work in partnership with you to help your child achieve their full potential and make a positive contribution.

To promote a safe environment for pupils, our selection and recruitment policy includes all checks on staff and regular volunteers’ suitability, including Disclosure and Barring Service checks, as recommended by Buckinghamshire County Council, in accordance with current legislation.

In accordance with our responsibilities under section 175/157 of the Education Act 2002, and Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023 we have a Designated Person for Child Protection and Designated Safeguarding Lead/ team who comprise of the Headteacher, Mrs. Prior and teachers Mrs. Marchant and Miss. Evans all of who have received appropriate training for this role. It is their responsibility to ensure that all staff in contact with children receive child protection awareness training on a regular basis, at least annually.

There are occasions that our concern about a child may mean that we must consult other agencies. Whilst we would always aim to work in partnership with parents there may be exceptions to this when concerns are raised for the protection of a child.

On very rare occasions Social Care, whilst undertaking an investigation under s47 of the Children Act 1989, may want to speak to a child without parents’ knowledge. This would be a decision made in collaboration with partner agencies and would only be done in situations where a child might be at immediate risk of harm. To gain consent at this point may increase the level of risk to the child or cause evidence of a crime to be lost.

The procedures, which we follow, have been laid down by the Local Safeguarding Children’s Board, and the school has adopted a Child Protection Policy in line with this- for the safety of all. If you want to know more about our procedures, please speak to the Headteacher- Mrs Prior, or your child’s class teacher: The Policy can be found on the website and obtained from the School Office, upon request.”

We actively support the Government's Prevent Agenda to counter radicalism and extremism.

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child at this school, please speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads, or follow the guidance on the Buckinghamshire Children's Safeguarding Board website: <http://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk/concerned-about-child>

Here are a list of other useful resources:

e-safety & Child Protection Help for Parents:

CEOP <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

NSPCC <https://nspcc.org.uk>

Barnodos <https://barndos.org.uk>

Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Board <https://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk>

Vodafone digital parenting magazine

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/>