

Safeguarding

Keeping Children Safe in Our School

At Lightcliffe we are committed to the safety and wellbeing of the children in our care. Safeguarding your child involves many aspects of school life and staff work together as a team to ensure that your children are safe and happy. This commitment includes staff, governors, volunteers and contractors working on the school site.



Child Protection

Mrs K Dunkley (Deputy Headteacher), our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), and Mr C Woodbridge (Headteacher), our Deputy DSL, should be contacted about any child protection concerns. Mrs A Hustler (Assistant Headteacher) and Mrs R Brooke (EYFS Leader) are also DSL trained and can be contacted about any urgent Safeguarding matters if Mrs Dunkley and Mr Woodbridge are unavailable. Mr Stuart Crowther is our Safeguarding Governor.

If you are concerned about the conduct of a member of staff then you must contact the Headteacher, Mr Woodbridge. If you are concerned about the conduct of the Headteacher, you must contact the Chair of Governors, Mr Richard Monro.

We have a number of policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment and these can be found on our website.

Mrs Dunkley and Mr Woodbridge attend DSL refresher training every two years and are also Safer Recruitment trained. Mrs Dunkley is kept up to date by attending half-termly Abbey MAT safeguarding meetings, attended by Debbie Weld, the MAT's Safeguarding, Attendance and Behaviour Lead; and termly Calderdale networks led by Steve Barnes who is Calderdale's School Safeguarding Advisor. At these meetings DSLs are kept up to date with best practice and procedures, current issues in Calderdale, resources and workshops available to schools and meet members of staff from supporting agencies. Issues covered include online safety, domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation

(CSE), County Lines, the Prevent agenda, female genital mutilation (FGM), Children Looked After (CLA) and Young Carers.

All staff and volunteers undergo the necessary safeguarding checks and are asked to read and agree to follow relevant safeguarding policies and procedures. School staff and volunteers also receive annual training delivered by Mrs Dunkley, a member of Calderdale's School Safeguarding Team or Debbie Weld.

As DSLs, Mrs Dunkley and Mr Woodbridge deal with any safeguarding concerns, make referrals to Calderdale's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Team (MAST) and attend child protection meetings and conferences.

Sometimes we need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about children are discussed with parents/carers, unless we have reason to believe that this would be contrary to the child's welfare.

Attendance is monitored and any concerns we have about a child's attendance or punctuality will be discussed with parents/carers.

Mrs Dunkley: kdunkley@lightcliffeprimary.co.uk

Mr Woodbridge: cwoodbridge@lightcliffeprimary.co.uk

Teaching your child to be safe

We use a variety of resources including inviting a number of organisations to deliver assemblies and run workshops to teach the children how to be safe. These include:

- *NSPCC*
- *Young Carers*
- *Anti-bullying theatre group*
- *Drug and alcohol awareness*
- *Road safety*
- *Fire safety*
- *Railway safety*
- *First aid training*
- *Water safety (rivers and canals etc)*
- *Bikeability*
- *Online-safety*

E-Safety

Your child receives regular online safety lessons at school. Please visit the curriculum and eSafety area of this website for information about lessons and advice for parents about online safety.

Supporting Parents

At Parents' Evenings we make available a range of materials with advice about how to support your child's safety and wellbeing. If you need advice at any time, please contact school and we will always try to help.

Websites with advice about child safety and wellbeing

NSPCC

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/>

A comprehensive website giving information and resources about a range of safeguarding and wellbeing issues.

The link above takes you to a page that has lots of useful advice about issues including:

- *Online safety*
- *Home alone*
- *PANTS (The Underwear Rule)*
- *Share Aware*
- *Sexting*
- *Staying safe away from home*
- *Baby and toddler safety*
- *Healthy sexual behaviour*
- *Self-harm*
- *Mental health and suicidal thoughts in children*

O₂ and NSPCC Net Aware

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

The site, run in partnership with O₂ and informed by children, young people and parents and carers includes: tips showing how to help your child block or report someone targeting them; a guide to the most popular social media sites, apps and games used by children and young people, including information about new apps.

You can take any device in to O₂ shops and they will have someone who can help set safety controls even if you are not an O₂ customer.

Childnet

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

Advice for parents and carers about keeping children safe online.

CEOP ThinkuKnow

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

A website that we use for teaching children about being safe online that also has very useful advice for parents.

CEOP is a command of the National Crime Agency and works to pursue and prosecute child sex offenders. CEOP works with child protection partners across the UK and overseas to identify the main threats to children and coordinates activity against these threats to bring offenders to account. We protect children from harm online and offline, directly through NCA led operations and in partnership with local and international agencies.

PEGI (Pan European Game Information)

<https://pegi.info/>

A website that gives advice to parents about ratings given to apps and games. Each app and game should have a PEGI rating which will give parents and professionals a clear idea of what age a child should be accessing it and the type of content you should expect on the site/app. Some of the games that the children are accessing are 12 rating games which can be extremely inappropriate and scary for children under 12.

Open Minds Calderdale

<http://www.openmindscalderdale.org.uk/>

This website gives advice about a range of wellbeing issues for young people and parents as well as where to go for help and support in Calderdale.

Kooth

<https://www.kooth.com/>

Kooth is a free online mental health and wellbeing service for 11 - 18 year olds where children and young people have access to a community of peers and a team of experienced councillors.