



Safeguarding

Keeping Children Safe in Our School

At Lightcliffe C of E Primary 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 Kate Dunkley (Deputy Headteacher), our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), and Mr Graham Hilton (Headteacher), our Deputy DSL, should be contacted about any child protection concerns. Mrs Adelle Hustler (Assistant Headteacher) and Mrs Rachel Brooke (EYFS Leader) are also DSL trained and can be contacted about any urgent Safeguarding matters if Mrs Dunkley and Mr Hilton are unavailable. Mr Richard Monro is our Safeguarding Governor.

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

All DSL trained staff attend 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, and termly Calderdale networks run 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, peer on peer abuse, domestic abuse, child criminal exploitation (CCE), 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 or a member of Calderdale's School Safeguarding Team.

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

Sometimes we need to make referrals, share information and work in partnership with other agencies such as Family Support, school nurses (Locala) and the police, when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about children are discussed with parents/carers first, 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 your child's attendance or punctuality will be discussed with parents/carers.

Reporting a concern

If you have a child protection concern or are worried about a child, you can contact the following agencies:

Calderdale's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Team (MAST): To report a safeguarding concern and make referrals

01422 393336 MASTadmin@calderdale.gov.uk

NSPCC: For advice and support and to speak to professional councillors

0808 800 5000 help@nspcc.org.uk.

Or:

Contact our DSL or Deputy DS:

Mrs Dunkley: kdunkley@lightcliffeprimary.co.uk

Mr Hilton: ghilton@lightcliffeprimary.co.uk

Red Button: We have a red button on our website which you can use to report a concern to school



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 and what to do if they are worried or feel unsafe. These include:

- NSPCC
- Young Carers
- Anti-bullying
- drug and alcohol awareness
- road and railway safety
- Barnardos
- fire safety
- water safety
- first aid training
- Bikeability
- Healthy Minds
- School nurse

Online Safety

Your child receives regular online safety lessons at school. Please visit the E-Safety area of this website (<http://www.lightcliffe.info/e-safety.html>) for information about lessons at school and advice for parents about E-Safety.