



**MEREBROOK INFANT
SCHOOL**

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

VERSION

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SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

Safeguarding is everybody's business. Merebrook Infant School is committed to ensuring that all our children and young people are safe and feel safe; that children, parents/carers and staff are able to talk about any safeguarding concerns and feel assured that they will be listened to; and that all staff and volunteers are aware of and implement safeguarding procedures and guidance, including what to do if they suspect a child or young person may be experiencing, or be at risk of, harm.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Merebrook Infant School has a number of policies which embrace our commitment and work to safeguard children. Safeguarding is at the centre of every aspect of school life and the wellbeing and safety of the children in our care is given the upmost importance by all our Staff and Governors. To support this, we have a number of policies that specifically encompass our Safeguarding practice. These policies are as follows:

- Anti-Bullying
- Behaviour
- Child Protection
- First Aid
- Health and Safety
- Online Safety and Acceptable Use of IT
- Staff Code of Conduct
- Visits and Journeys
- Whistle Blowing

Our Child Protection Policy outlines the specific actions and procedures that we follow to protect children who have suffered abuse or who are at risk of this.

Safeguarding is about ensuring that everyone is safe from harm. We aim for all stakeholders of Merebrook Infant School, including children, staff, parents and governors to feel safe in our school environment. **All concerns in relation to any aspect of Safeguarding should be brought to the attention of the Executive Headteacher, Mrs Soheila Mathison, or the Safeguarding Team:**

Designated Safeguarding Lead – Miss Tracy Hurwood

Deputy Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Alison Gardner

Deputy Safeguarding Lead – Miss Lynsey Elliott