



Larks Hill J & I School

Safeguarding Information for Parents

Larks Hill currently has 1 Designated Senior Person (DSP) for Child Protection and Safeguarding and 2 Deputy DSPs. The role of the DSP is to take lead responsibility for managing child protection issues, providing advice and support to other staff, liaising with Local Authority (LA) and working with other agencies.

- Senior DSP Head teacher Mrs A Smith
- Deputy DSP Deputy Head teacher Mr J Parkinson
- SENCo Mrs E Bonnefoy-Jenkinson

We also have a Safeguarding Governor who is Mrs Julie Mayhew (Chair of Governors).

Should you have any concerns, all the people mentioned above can be contacted on the school number 01977 722845.

In order that within school your child/children feel safe, there needs to be a shared understanding of what that means. This includes a shared definition of bullying, e-safety and other safeguarding issues.

At school, safeguarding issues are taught through displays, assemblies, PSHE (Physical, Social, health education), focus weeks such as Anti-Bullying Week and Multi-Cultural Week.

As parents/carers, school relies on you to reinforce safeguarding messages ensuring that you are involved. Discussions around definitions of words such as bullying for example can be very useful.

Please see below for some useful definitions provided by the Department of Education (DFE).

Safeguarding is defined as:-

- Protecting children from maltreatment.
- Preventing impairment of children's health or development.
- Ensuring children are growing up in circumstances consistent with safe and effective care.
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

Child Protection is a part of safeguarding. It refers to the activity that is undertaken to protect specific children who are suffering, or likely to suffer, significant harm.

Bullying is behaviour by an individual or group, repeated over time that intentionally hurts another individual or group, either physically or emotionally.

Cyber Bullying

The rapid development of and widespread access to technology and electronic devices such as mobile phones, social networking sites such as Facebook and gaming such as Playstation and Xbox have provided a new medium for 'virtual bullying'.

e- Safety = electronic safety

In its simplest form e-safety is about ensuring children use new technologies in a way that will keep them safe without limiting their opportunities.

I hope this information is of use to you. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact school.