

What can you expect from us?

1. A safe environment in which your child can learn that complies with safeguarding legislation and guidance.
2. We will contact you if your child is absent and you have not told us why to ensure they are you are safe and well
3. A staff team who takes good care of your child whilst they are with us and listen and act on any concerns, they share with us. They will also support and help when needed.
4. We will respond promptly to any problem or concern you tell us about
5. We will keep accurate up to date records
6. If your child transfers to another school we will share important information with their new school that will help to support your child's move

I am worried about a child...

If you have a concern for a child's safety or wellbeing, please contact:

Barking and Dagenham Multi Agency
Safeguarding Hub (MASH)
0208 227 3811
Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Out of hours duty team
0208 215 3000
From 5:00 p.m.- 9:00 a.m. Monday to
Friday, weekends or bank holidays.

or

The NSPCC

0808 800 5000

In an emergency outside normal office
hours, please contact the Police (999)

**PLEASE REFER TO OUR
SCHOOL CHILD PROTECTION
AND SAFEGUARDING POLICY
FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND ADVICE.**

Keeping Children Safe

(Based on current KCSIE
Guidance)



**Information for
Parents and Carers**

What is Safeguarding?

Children should be free from harm and danger. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure that they are.

Safeguarding means protecting children from harm and acting on concerns for a child's safety and wellbeing. This includes physical, sexual, emotional abuse and neglect.

Why do they need to know?

The Children Act 1989 requires everyone working with children to inform Children's Services about any child thought to need support or at risk of harm. The Education Act 2002 requires all schools to have arrangements to safeguard children. The school has procedures in place to do this and a policy that all staff, volunteers and regular visitors must work to. You can request a copy of this policy from the school office or download it from the school website.

At least, two members of staff are responsible for all aspects of safeguarding in our school. We also have a named Governor for Safeguarding- Jane Jones

Key Safeguarding Contacts:

Clare Stock

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Lillian Stonier and Marie Ziane

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads

What will happen if we have concerns for your child?

If the school has a concern that your child is, or may be, suffering harm within or outside the school we will act according to our statutory duty under Working Together to Safeguard Children and Keeping Children Safe in Education to protect your child from any harm or danger. All schools have a duty to refer cases if they have a safeguarding concern. Sometimes we may just speak to parent or log a concern.

What does this mean?

- If someone at our school sees an unusual or unexplained injury or mark
- If your child has said something worrying to us
- If it has been reported to another agency that something has been said or witnessed by your child
- If their behaviour is particularly out of the ordinary
- Or, if there are any other reasons, we feel your child may be suffering harm outside of school,

We have a legal duty to make a referral.

We will discuss the referral with you and also let you know it has been made, unless to do so would put your child at more risk by informing you. It is always better for your child if we can work together.

What do you need to know?

An assessment of your child's needs will be made either by a social worker or another professional already involved with your family.

This may involve a social worker contacting you to undertake an assessment, called a 'Statutory Assessment'. They will provide you with a copy. This will involve a home visit where the social worker will speak to you and your child. They may also speak to other professionals involved with your family. If the social worker's assessment is that your child has needs that require additional help and support, they will discuss this with you.

How will you feel?

We understand that you may feel angry, upset or worried because we have made a referral.

The decision to make a referral is never taken lightly. However, every member of staff or volunteer that works at every school has a legal duty to act in the best interests of children at all times. This means acting quickly to reduce any risks where a child's safety is of concern.