



Thurlstone Primary School

SPOTLIGHT ON

SAFEGUARDING



WELCOME TO OUR FIRST SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER!

At Thurlstone Primary School, we believe that safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, is everyone's responsibility and our top priority. Everyone who comes in to contact with children in our community has a role to play. Everything that we do has pupil wellbeing at its core. Our children's wellbeing, safety, achievement and happiness underpins every decision we make. Often when safeguarding is mentioned, the first thought is about child protection: a child is suffering harm, or is in danger of suffering harm. However, safeguarding is much more complex than this and encompasses a wide range of aspects. At Thurlstone, we ensure all of our staff and governors are well trained in all areas of safeguarding and this training is regularly updated and includes specific aspects such as the Prevent Duty, County Lines and Contextual Safeguarding. We also ensure that our curriculum provides children with age-appropriate opportunities to learn how to keep themselves healthy and safe. Keep a look out for our termly newsletter which aims to provide you with a wealth of safeguarding information and updates. Together we can make sure that our school family is happy and safe!

'Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025' is a statutory Department for Education document that all schools are required to follow when carrying out their duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. It covers many aspects of safeguarding, including different forms of abuse, early help processes, safer-recruitment, how concerns must be reported and the role of the Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

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

WHAT IS SAFEGUARDING?

SAFEGUARDING ENSURES THAT EVERY CHILD, REGARDLESS OF THEIR AGE, DISABILITY, GENDER IDENTITY, RACE, RELIGION OR BELIEF, SEX, OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION, HAS A RIGHT TO EQUAL PROTECTION FROM HARM.

SAFEGUARDING IS THE STEPS THAT PEOPLE TAKE TO PROTECT CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS FROM HARM.



In every force. In every school. For every child.

THURLSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL IS PART OF **OPERATION ENCOMPASS** WHICH IS A NATIONAL SCHEME THAT OPERATES JOINTLY BETWEEN SCHOOLS AND POLICE FORCES.

OPERATION ENCOMPASS REPORTS TO SCHOOLS, PRIOR TO THE START OF THE NEXT SCHOOL DAY, WHEN A CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON HAS EXPERIENCED DOMESTIC ABUSE.

WHEN WE RECEIVE AN ALERT, WE ENSURE THAT WE ACT QUICKLY TO SUPPORT THE CHILD/REN IN OUR CARE. THE DOMESTIC ABUSE ACT 2021 IDENTIFIES CHILDREN WHO EXPERIENCE DOMESTIC ABUSE AS VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE IN THEIR OWN RIGHT.

[HTTPS://WWW.OPERATIONENCOMPASS.ORG/](https://www.operationencompass.org/)

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WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU SUSPECT A CHILD COULD BE AT RISK OF HARM?

If the child is in danger Call 999 or 0114 2202020

If your call is not urgent, you can do the following:

Contact Barnsley social care on 01226 772423. Their offices are open between Monday and Friday from 9am to 5pm.

Lots more information is available by visiting....

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/children-young-people-and-families/safeguarding-families-in-barnsley/safeguarding-children-in-barnsley/safeguarding-information-for-parents-and-carers/>

What is a Designated Safeguarding Lead?

Every school must have an appropriate senior member of staff to take lead responsibility for child protection and safeguarding.

Key aspects of the 'Designated Safeguarding Leader' role include:

- Ensuring that all staff are aware of the processes for raising safeguarding concerns
- Ensuring all staff understand the signs of child abuse and neglect
- Referring any concerns to Social Care
- Monitoring children who are the subject of Child Protection and CiN (Child in Need) Plans
- Maintaining accurate and secure child protection records
- Raising awareness of the school's safeguarding policies

At Thurlstone, our DSL's are Mrs Gibbins, Mrs Baker and Mrs Stokoe

THE MAIN CATEGORIES OF CHILD ABUSE ARE...

PHYSICAL ABUSE

The non-accidental physical injury of a child. The inadvertent result of physical punishment or physically aggressive treatment of a child.

SEXUAL ABUSE

Any act of sexual nature upon or with a child for the sexual gratification of the perpetrator or a third party, including anyone who allowed or encouraged it.

EMOTIONAL ABUSE

Chronic attitudes or acts which interfere with the psychological and social development of a child. When a parent or caregiver harms a child's mental and social development or causes severe emotional harm.

NEGLECT

Child-rearing practices which are essentially inadequate or dangerous. The failure to act on behalf of the child; not providing the care, supervision, affection, and support needed for a child's health, safety, and well-being.

THE SCHOOL'S SAFEGUARDING GOVERNOR

All schools should have a Safeguarding Governor. Their Role and responsibilities include:

- > Ensuring the school is following safer recruitment procedures when recruiting any new staff members
- > Reviewing all activity and policy relating to the safety and physical and emotional well-being of all children
- > Seeking improvement to ensure the school follows best practice in creating a productive and safe environment

Our Safeguarding Governor is Dr Nicky Shaw. She meets regularly with Mrs Gibbins to discuss, monitor and review all safeguarding practices and policy.

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