Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023

What is safeguarding?

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's health and development
- Ensuring children grow up in a safe environment
- Taking action to ensure children are safe

Key points

A child means everyone under the age of 18

We are all responsible for keeping children safe

Remember the "It could happen here" approach

Read our safeguarding policy documents

It is our duty to…

- Always act in the best interest of the child
- Know how to identify children who may benefit from early help
- Know the different types of abuse, so you can identify children who may be in need of help or protection
- Know who the safeguarding team are
- Record accurately and report any concerns

Suspected cases of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) must be reported to the Police.

Whistleblowing

If you're worried about staff behaviour, poor and unsafe safeguarding practices or potential failures within the school, talk to your Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). If you feel uncomfortable approaching your school, feel free to contact the NSPCC Whistleblowing Helpline: 0808 800 5000 / help@nspcc.org.uk