

Caldecote Community Primary School is committed to creating a happy and safe environment for our children to learn.

This leaflet will help you understand how we keep your children safe by telling you:

- How children can be harmed
- What we must do to keep your child safe from harm
- What you must do as a parent/carer to help your child be safe and enjoy school

Safeguarding Children and Child Protection

Child Protection is an important subject in which all staff receive regular training. Our priority is to work with you but there may be times when we have to involve other people. Caldecote is by law responsible to share any concerns it may have about a child in need of protection with other agencies which may include the police, health and social care. In most instances, the school will be able to inform the parents/carer of its need to make a referral.

*However, on very rare occasions the school is advised by social care or the police that the parent/carer cannot be informed whilst they investigate the matter. We understand that this may cause some anxiety but the school has to follow legislation that acts in the **best interest** of the child.*

Abuse / Harm is identified in four ways:

- **Physical** — is when a child is deliberately hurt or injured.
- **Sexual** — is when a child is influenced or forced to take part in a sexual activity. This can be a physical activity or non-physical, e.g. being made to look at an inappropriate image.
- **Emotional** — is when a child is made to feel frightened, worthless or unloved. It can be by shouting, using threats or making fun of someone. It can also be when children see their parents/carers, or visitors to the home, fighting or using violence.
- **Neglect** — is when a child is not being taken care of by their parents/carers. It can be poor hygiene, poor diet, poor quality housing, not coming to school or being left home alone.

It is advised that **ALL** parents/carers are familiar with our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy which is available through our website and on request.

A child should be able to go to school and feel safe so that they can achieve their very best. Caldecote will ensure:

- Anybody who works or volunteers at our school will have the appropriate checks to ensure that they are safe to work with children
- All staff/volunteers are trained to identify child abuse and what to do if they are concerned.
- The school has a Designated Safeguarding Lead, **Fran Palmer**, who has had extra training to know what to do with a concern.
- We will work closely with you if we are concerned about your child.
- We will help your child to learn about keeping themselves safe and healthy. Lessons can include anti-bullying, online safety, healthy relationships, drug and alcohol awareness etc.
- As part of these lessons, your child will be told what to do if they are worried or concerned about their safety.

What the parents/carers must do

Parents/carers are the most important people to keep their children safe. You should always:

- Feel confident to raise concerns about your child.
- Feel confident to raise concerns about the conduct of a staff member/teacher.
- Talk to school if you need help or support.
- Let the school know if your child has a medical condition.
- Let the school know if you have any court orders relating to the safety of your child.
- Let the school know if there is a change in your circumstances such as a house move, a new contact number, a change of name or a change of parental responsibility.
- Let the school know if your child is being collected by somebody different.
- Let the school know if your child is going to be absent and the reasons why.

Useful Contacts

Headteacher Mr Mat Alcock
Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Fran Palmer

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads

Miss Katy Barnes, Mrs Yaroslava Briggs, Miss Clare Kane,
Miss Kelly Rogers, Miss Leigh Smith and Mr Mat Alcock

Chair of Governors Mr William Morris

Family Learning and Parenting Co-ordinator

Miss Claire Kane

Police 101 (in the event of an emergency please call 999)

NSPCC 0808 800 5000

Childline 0800 1111

Leicester Domestic Abuse 0808 80 200 28
www.leicester.gov.uk/domesticabuse

Social Care 0116 4541004

Child Protection and Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility.

If you have a concern regarding the safety or wellbeing of a child within the community please contact Social Care on 0116 4541004.

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Keeping Children Safe in Education

Information for Parents/Carers



We ensure children learn in a safe, caring and educational environment. Children are taught how to keep themselves safe, to develop positive and healthy relationships, and how to avoid situations where they might be at risk.