

Safeguarding

Keeping Children Safe in Our School

At Lightcliffe we are committed to the safety and wellbeing of the children in our care. Safeguarding your child involves many aspects of school life and staff work together as a team to ensure that your children are safe and happy. This commitment includes staff, governors, volunteers and contractors working on the school site.



Child Protection

Mrs Kate Dunkley (Deputy Headteacher), our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), and Mr Charles Woodbridge (Headteacher), our Deputy DSL, should be contacted about any child protection concerns. Mr Stuart Crowther is our Safeguarding Governor.

We have a number of policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment and these can be found on our website.

Mrs Dunkley and Mr Woodbridge attend DSL refresher training every two years and are also Safe Recruitment trained. Mrs Dunkley attends termly networks run by Rezina Kelly who is Calderdale's School Safeguarding Advisor. At these networks DSLs are kept up to date with best practice and procedures, current issues in Calderdale, resources and workshops available to schools and meet members of staff from supporting agencies. Issues covered include e-

safety, domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation (CSE), the Prevent agenda, female genital mutilation (FGM), children looked after (CLA) and Young Carers.

All staff and volunteers undergo the necessary safeguarding checks and are asked to read and agree to follow relevant safeguarding policies and procedures. School staff also receive annual training.

Sometimes we need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about pupils are discussed with parents/carers first, unless we have reason to believe that this would be contrary to the child's welfare.

Attendance is monitored and we will speak to you if the number of absences or lates become a concern.

Teaching your child to be safe

We use a variety of resources including inviting a number of organisations to deliver assemblies and run workshops to teach the children how to be safe. These include:

- NSPCC
- Young Carers
- Anti-bullying theatre group
- drug and alcohol awareness
- road safety
- fire safety
- railway safety
- first aid training
- bikeability

E-Safety

Your child receives regular e-safety lessons at school. Please visit the e-Safety area of this website (<http://www.lightcliffe.info/e-safety.html>) for information about lessons at school and advice for parents about e-Safety.