



Safeguarding and Child Protection

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Keeping children safe is the most important aspect of what we do. It is our role to be vigilant in making sure children are safe and are protected from harm. To that end, all the staff at Booker Avenue Infant School have been trained to identify the signs and symptoms of child abuse.

The categories are sexual, emotional, physical and mental abuse, as well as neglect.

We will try to work with families as appropriate and if necessary, social services will be contacted. The school may inform parents/carers prior to contacting social services but there may be times when we would not be able to tell parents/carers.

Our school is part of Operation Encompass. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child has been subject, or witness to domestic abuse.

Operation Encompass directly connects the police with schools to ensure better outcomes for children who are subject or witness to police attended incidents of domestic abuse. Rapid provision of support within the school environment means children are better safeguarded against the short-, medium- and long-term effects of domestic abuse.

Policies and procedures for Safeguarding and Child Protection are in place. If you wish to see any of these policies they are available on our website, or please ask at the office.

All staff, governors and any volunteers who have regular contact with the children are police checked through the Disclosure Barring Scheme (DBS).

Providers of after school clubs are also subject to the same clearance procedures.