

Parents Safeguarding Information

Our Safeguarding Team

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All our safeguarding team are Designated Safeguarding Lead Trained

If you require any further information on safeguarding, please contact the school office.

Our Safeguarding Mission Statement

Our school community has built and maintains an environment where children feel safe and secure, are encouraged to talk, and are listened to. We ensure that our children know that they can approach any adult in school if they are feeling worried; and include opportunities in the curriculum for children to develop the skills they require to recognise danger and stay safe in all aspects of life.

Our Safeguarding Policy is available on the School website: www.airedaleinfants.com under the parent tab.

To support our work in keeping children safe we work in partnership with charities such as those below. A full list of websites offering support can be found in the safeguarding policy.

Safeguarding Issues

Attendance

Your child's attendance is monitored daily and significant absences are always followed up by EWO.

Behaviour

Airedale Infant School has a clear behaviour policy for the whole school community that must be followed to keep everyone safe and happy.

We understand that children do sometimes fall out and this will be dealt with by an adult who will listen to the children involved and help them resolve the situation.

Bullying

The school takes all cases of bullying very seriously and will work with children and families to try and resolve any problems. The school has an anti-bullying policy that you should read and understand.

Health and Safety

Everyone at Airedale Infant School has a responsibility to keep adults and children work in a safe environment. The school has a clear health and safety policy which everyone must follow. The school has many fully trained first aiders to deal with any accidents in school.

E-Safety

The school recognises that technology plays an important roll in the education of our children and is committed to safeguarding children in the virtual world. To support parents, the school has online safety information to help keep your children safe both in school and at home.

Complaints

If you have any complaints about how the school is working with you or your child please feel confident to speak to us. The Head Teacher will always be happy to speak to you to resolve any difficulties. It is better to speak to us as soon as you have a concern so that it does not become a bigger issue. If you do not feel the matter has been resolved, you can raise your concerns with the governing body.



What Parents Must Do

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

- ◀ Feel confident to raise concerns about your child.
- ◀ Talk to school if you need help or support.
- ◀ Read the school policies about safety issues.
- ◀ 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 school know who will be dropping off or collecting your child and two other emergency contact. You must inform the school of any changes to agreed arrangements.
- ◀ Let the school know if your child is going to be absent and the reasons why.

What School Must Do

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

- ▶ Anybody who works at Airedale Infant School is checked by the Police to make sure they are safe to work with children and trained to identify child abuse and what to do if they are concerned.
- ▶ We always listen and take all concerns seriously; where ever possible will discuss concerns related to your child with you.

- ▶ We will help your child to learn about keeping themselves safe. Lessons may include healthy eating, anti-bullying, online safety, road safety, healthy relationships, drug and alcohol awareness. Your child will be told what to do if they are worried or concerned about their own or anyone else's safety.

Keeping Children Safe

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 you child safe from harm
- ▶ What you must do as a parent to help your child be safe and enjoy school

Child Protection

This 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. Everybody has a responsibility to keep all children under the age of 18 safe.

Harm is identified in four ways:

Physical

May involve hitting, shaking, throwing, poisoning, burning or scalding, drowning, suffocating. Physical harm may also be caused when a parent or carer fabricates the symptoms of, or deliberately induces, illness in a child.

Sexual

Involves forcing or enticing a child to take part in sexual activities. These may involve assault by penetration or non-penetrative acts such as kissing, rubbing and touching outside of clothing. They may also include non-contact activities, such children looking at, indecent images, encouraging children to behave in sexually inappropriate ways.



Emotional

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 witness adults in their home, fighting or using violence.

Neglect

Persistent failure to meet a child's basic physical and/or psychological needs, likely to result in the serious impairment of the child's health or development e.g. adequate food, clothing and shelter