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SAFEGUARDING

Evergreen Primary Academy

What is safeguarding? Safeguarding refers to the process of protecting children from harm. This includes protecting them from abuse, neglect and exploitation. Safeguarding processes, policies and procedures are put in place at schools to ensure that children are safe and happy, and that they have the opportunity to reach their full potential and thrive.

What does safeguarding look like?

Safeguarding is the proactive process of planning, minimising risk and putting into place strategies to keep children safe. As a parent, you will do this every day without even thinking about it- you hold your child's hand as they cross the road, teach them about trusted adults and make sure that they are safe.

Schools have policies and procedures that set out how to keep children safe. They build strong relationships with children, teach essential skills and implement safeguarding rules to keep children safe at school.

At Evergreen, we have a 'duty of care' to safeguard children. We provide a safe learning environment and monitor the children's wellbeing.

School works in partnership with Children's Socal Care, health services and the police. By working together, we create a strong network of support to protect children at Evergreen from harm and ensure their wellbeing.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) are key people in schools who have responsibilities for safeguarding. They will work closely and in partnership with the Principapal, Vice Principal and SENDCO.

Safeguarding glossary

Abuse: Any form of ill-treatment of a child. This can be physical, emotional, sexual or neglect.

Child in Need: Defined under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 as: "Those children whose vulnerability is such that they are unlikely to reach or maintain a satisfactory level of health or development, or their health and development will be significantly impaired, without the provision of services".

Child Protection: Refers to the activity that is undertaken to protect specific children who are suffering, or are likely to suffer, significant harm. This relates Section 47 of the Children Act 1989.

Early Help: Support given to a family when a problem first emerges, this may be related to health, educational needs, school uniform support etc. It can be provided at any stage in a child or young person's life.

Resources for parents

- NSPCC- Support and advice for parents
- Safer Internet Centre- Guides and resources for parents and carers
- Internet Matters- Parents guides to keeping children safe online
- YoungMinds- Parents guides to supporting child mental health
- The Children's Society- Child Protection & Safeguarding information