

Safeguarding Statement

Five Acre Wood School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and requires all staff to share this commitment.

Five Acre Wood School adopts the KCC Child Protection Policy which is updated at least annually. Sarah Costain is the Designated Safeguarding Lead, however there are also appointed Deputy DSL's. They are Peggy Murphy, Tim Williams, Emma Athwal, Demi Lockett, Emma Russell, Karen Robinson-Jones, Kirstie Hemingway, Jamie Cronk, Jo O'Connor, Janine Hercock, Matt Jones, Leanne Bowden and Francesca Newman.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility regardless of their role in the school. All staff have a duty to report concerns. The system used to do this is called Myconcern®. This is a web-based system that is used widely across Kent, by many educational settings.



Finally

Should you wish to view the Child Protection and Online safety Policy in full please visit our website or speak to a member of the staff team who will be happy to provide a copy of this for you.

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Child Protection & Safeguarding information for parents

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This leaflet contains information regarding Child Protection and Safeguarding procedures at Five Acre Wood.



Staff Training.....

Every member of staff receives annual safeguarding and child protection training. This usually forms part of the staff development days in September and covers a range of national and local safeguarding issues. This year training included, but was not limited to:

- FGM
- Radicalisation, including PREVENT
- Online Safety
- CSE/CCE
- Child on Child abuse
- Domestic Abuse and Operation Encompass
- Gangs and County Lines
- Honour Based Violence
- Sexual violence and Harassment
- Definitions of Abuse
- Support agencies such as Early Help and Social Services
- Attendance
- Low level concerns
- Whistleblowing

In addition there is a Safeguarding briefing to all staff once a week which also covers many aspects of child protection. Some of the themes covered include.

- What to do if a child makes a disclosure
- Record keeping
- Serious Practice Reviews.

Our approach.....

We follow all legislation to fulfil or Safeguarding responsibility which includes:

- The Children Act
- Duty to report FGM
- PREVENT duty
- Schools Safeguarding policy
- Key statutory guidance:
- EYFS Statutory Framework
- Working Together to Safeguard Children
- What to do if you are worried a child is being abused
- Keeping Children Safe in Education
- We uphold the values of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child



Accessing Support....

Five Acre Wood works closely with partner agencies to safeguard children. This includes, but is not limited to, Social Services, NHS, Kent police, Early help, and a range of community partners.

If you think you would benefit from additional support, please speak to TEAM who can signpost you to the most appropriate agency.

TEAM can be contacted on:

01622 743925 and select option 4

There are other agencies who can also offer support, the following websites may be of use:

www.parentsprotect.co.uk

www.educateagainsthate.com

www.getsafeonline.org

www.respond.org.uk

www.nspcc.org.uk

www.childline.org.uk

www.mensadviceline.org.uk

www.womensaid.org.uk

