

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 and Online Safety 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, Kirstie Hemingway, Tim Williams, Emma Athwal, Demi Lockett, Emma Russell, Karen Robinson-Jones, Laura Watts, Jo O'Connor, Jamie Cronk, Matt Jones, Leanne Bowden, Janine Hercock and Francesca Newman.

Online Safety forms part of our wider safeguarding duty. As with all elements of safeguarding, online safety 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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Online Safety information for parents

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**This leaflet contains information
regarding Online Safety at Five Acre
Wood.**



Training...

Every member of staff receives annual safeguarding and child protection training. This usually forms part of the staff development days in September with additional whole school training once a week.

Online Safety training includes:

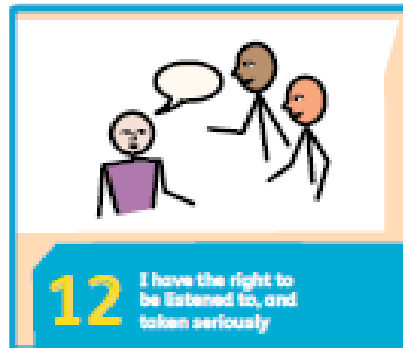
- Reducing Online Risks
- Safer Use of Technology
- Social Media
- Staff Personal Use of Social Media
- Visitors' Use of Personal Devices and Mobile Phones
- Responding to Online Safety Incidents and Concerns
- Online Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment between Children
- Youth Produced Sexual Imagery or "Sexting"
- Online Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation
- Cyberbullying
- Online Radicalisation and Extremism



Our approach.....

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

- The Children Act 2004
 - 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.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.saferinternet.org.uk

