



SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

We have a statutory duty to 'safeguard and promote the welfare of children'. If you have any concerns about the health and safety of a child at the school or feel that something may be troubling them, you should share this information with an appropriate member of the school staff straight away. Do not worry that you may be reporting matters which seem small—we would rather you tell us something which does turn out to be a minor issue than missing a worrying situation.

However, if you think the matter is very serious and may be related to a child protection issue, e.g. physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect, you must talk to the child protection designated staff as soon as possible. If you are unable to contact them, you can ask the staff in the school office to locate them and ask them to come and speak to you immediately about a confidential and urgent matter.

Any allegation or disclosure involving a member of staff, a child's foster carer or a volunteer in school must be reported directly to the Headteacher, unless it involves the Headteacher in which case it should be reported directly to the Chair of the Governing Board (Janet Simmons).

Thank you for supporting the children and young people of Meadowfield Primary School.



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.