

Q. Will you let parents know about a referral?

- A. We have to follow the advice of the social worker at the time of the referral.

If they have requested us to keep the child in school until the arrange a visit, we are duty bound to do so, even if it is the end of the day. If a parent arrives to collect their child before anyone has spoken to them, we have to ask the parents to wait in a room seperate to their child.

Q. Does a referral mean my children will go into care?

- A. It is only in the most extreme cases, that children are removed from their parent's care. Following an investigation and assess ment of a family's needs, a Child Protection Plan may be put into place. This is often a positive experience for the family, helping them to access care and services to meet their needs.

Q. I have a concern about children in my community or family, what should I do?

- A. Never ignore any concerns you might have. You can ask for advice from the school, speak to Milton Keynes Safeguarding Children Board: 01908 254373, or speak to Childline: 0800 1111.



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Parent Partnership



Safeguarding Guide

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Q. Who are the Designated Leads for Child Protection?

- A. The Designated Leads are as follows:
- Designated Safeguarding Lead: Tara Lovelock
 - Designated Safeguarding Governor: Chair Adam Broom
 - Deputy Designated Leads: Alex Kerrigan and Michelle Gardner
 - Designated Lead Support Team: Julie Newton and Carol Mallett
 - Prevent and Online Lead and Trainer: Jack Dixon
 - Safeguarding Training Lead: Michelle Gardner
 - Designated lead for looked after children: Tara Lovelock
 - Deputy Designated lead for looked after children: Carol Mallett

Q. What do you mean by Safeguarding?

- A. We have six main ways in which we do all we can to ensure your child is safe in school.
- Ensuring we practice safe recruitment in checking the suitability of staff and volunteers who work with children.
 - Ensuring we practice safe recruitment for breakfast club and after school clubs, including volunteers and enrichment activity staff.
 - Raising awareness of child protection issues and equipping children with the skills needed to keep them safe, including online safety.
 - Developing and then implementing procedures for identifying and reporting cases, or suspected cases, of abuse.
 - Supporting pupils who have been abused in accordance with his/her agreed child protection plan.
 - Establishing a safe environment in which children can learn and develop, ensuring that all necessary risks are considered and steps are taken to minimise them when planning any out of school activities.

Q. What do you mean by Child Protection?

- A. At Great Linford Primary School we take the welfare of our school community very seriously. We have a duty of care to make sure we have systems and policies in place to ensure that any concerns about a child's safety or well being are immediately acted on. We have a duty to refer any child who has made a disclosure to the Milton Keynes Children's Social Care Team.

Significant Harm is any **Physical Abuse, Sexual Abuse, or Emotional Abuse, Neglect**, accident or injury attributable to lack of adequate parental care or control, that is sufficiently serious to adversely affect progress and enjoyment in life.

This definition was clarified in section 120 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (implemented on 31 January 2005) so that it may include, "for example, impairment suffered from seeing or hearing the ill treatment of another". (for example, Domestic Violence)

Q. What happens if a child makes a disclosure?

- A. Whenever a child makes a disclosure to a member of staff, the Designated Safeguarding lead is notified. They will immediately ring the Duty Line for advice. Depending on the nature of the disclosure there is different advice given. Sometimes the school will be asked to discuss the matter with the parents and then let the Children's Social Care Team know the outcome.

If the disclosure involves any implement, weapon or sexual abuse then we will be asked to keep the child until someone can come down to talk to them. This can include a police officer as well as a social worker.

Q. Is this the same as Prevent?

- A. Please see the Parent Partnership Guide to the Prevent Duty.