

MALTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Safeguarding

2017/18

At Malton Community Primary School we take our safeguarding responsibilities extremely seriously.

What does 'safeguarding' mean?

'Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.'

Safeguarding means:

- *Protecting children from abuse and maltreatment*
- *Preventing harm to children's health or development*
- *Ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care*
- *Taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcomes.*

Safeguarding children and child protection guidance and legislation applies to all children up to the age of 18' (source: NSPCC)

If you need to report a safeguarding concern

If you have a concern about any of the children in our care, we urge you to contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) – Mrs Sara Wright, no matter how minor you think your concern may be.

Please be assured that any concerns or information given will be treated in the **strictest confidence**. We will investigate as necessary with any relevant parties, be this external agencies, staff, parents or other.

How do we safeguard children in our care?

Staff

We ensure that everyone working in our school has successfully completed the necessary Disclosure and Barring (DBS) clearances to enable them to work with children. We also have staff members who are specifically trained and nominated with specific safeguarding responsibilities in school.

These staff are:

Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Sarah Wright

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads – Mrs Penny Crowe and Miss Kelly Wilkinson

The Headteacher, Miss Kelly Wilkinson; the School Business Manager, Mrs Louise Northrop-Clay and a number of school Governors have also completed the DCSF accredited safer recruitment training.

How do we report safeguarding concerns in school?

The 'Whistleblowing Policy' has been discussed and adopted by the Governors and all the staff have access to this document.

Staff are expected to share any concerns they have about staff conduct around children with the DSL.

Any concerns about the conduct of the Headteacher should be shared with the Chair of Governors, Mrs Diana Wetherell Terry.

We also follow the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children's Board local guidance and have systems in place to share concerns regarding children's welfare with our DSLs, with parents, and with relevant external agencies.

Part of our legal duty to safeguard our children, may also include:

Needing to consult specifically with and take advice from, the Police or Children's Social Care.

By working closely together as a staff team and with our partner agencies, we firmly believe that we will continue to offer a safe learning environment for all our children.

Curriculum

At Malton Community Primary School, we actively work to provide all our children with regular and on-going opportunities to develop the knowledge and skills to help them make safe and informed choices about their actions.

Our PSHCE curriculum is designed to teach our children a wide range of important life skills including personal safety, decision making, empowerment and respect for the world and people in which they live. (Please see the Curriculum section for the website for further details.)

In addition to this, we also believe in providing practical skills development to maximise the safety of our pupils. For this reason, we provide swimming to all our Year 5 and 6 pupils respectively and promote internet safety from an early age.

We also work closely with organisations in our community to further develop awareness of personal health and safety. Recent visitors include: Jane Jones, local PC, NSPCC, Change for Life, Sweaty Church.

We always welcome any further suggestions from parents or areas linked to health and safety, that you would like us to raise the profile of in school, with your children.