

AIMS AND MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE SCHOOL - CHILD PROTECTION

Our overall aim is to safeguard and promote our pupil's welfare, safety, health, and guidance by fostering an honest, open, caring, and supportive climate. The pupil's welfare is of paramount importance.

We aim to affirm the right to an appropriate education for every individual and to ensure that right for all, regardless of individual differences, and for students to:

- become motivated life-long learners
- have high self-esteem, respecting others and the environment
- gain technological skills
- seek to extend themselves in mind, body and spirit

Our mission for the school is that:

We believe that each student will succeed through experiencing quality in:

- a broad and challenging curriculum
- an enriching programme of extra-curricular activities and visits
- a stimulating and safe environment
- a creative, varied and up to date range of learning experiences
- innovative teaching and an investigative approach to learning
- an ethos of support, challenge and encouragement to succeed
- learning partnerships between school, home, and the community

PHILOSOPHY

Through effective child protection, we aim to help keep children and young people safe by:

- providing a safe environment for children and young people to learn in the school setting; and
- identify children and young people who are suffering or likely to suffer significant harm, and taking appropriate action with the aim of making sure they are kept safe both at home and at school.



Safeguarding Information for School Visitors

Designated Contacts:

Mr Leigh Andrews, Headteacher -
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss Catherine Reding, Class
Teacher – Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

Mrs April Farish, Chair of
Governors – Nominated
Governor Responsible for
Safeguarding & Child Protection

Visitor Procedures

Visitors must adhere to the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, available on request or via the school website.

Visitors must sign in at the school office and wear a visitor badge at all times.

Visitors must be accompanied by a member of staff unless otherwise agreed and must never be alone with pupils unless fully vetted and authorised.

Visitors must report any safeguarding concerns to the DSL immediately and must not investigate concerns themselves.

All visitors must sign out at the main office and return their visitor pass before leaving the site.

Visitors wishing to speak to a particular member of staff should telephone the school to make an appointment, wherever possible.

Maintain professional behaviour at all times and remain confidential.

Report any accidents to a member of staff immediately/

The use of personal phones (or any other photography or recording equipment) is not permitted unless there is an emergency.

There are three main aims to our Child Protection Policy:

Prevention:

By creating a positive school atmosphere and providing high quality teaching and pastoral support to pupils;

Protection:

by following agreed procedures and ensuring staff are appropriately recruited, trained and supported to respond appropriately and sensitively to Child Protection concerns;

Support:

by providing support for pupils and school staff and for children who may have been or are being abused, exploited or neglected.

All staff and Governors at Kirkoswald CE Primary School fully recognise that they have a duty to ensure arrangements are in place for safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of children (Section 175 of the Education Act 2002) and adhere to the guidance and legislation outlined in Keeping Children Safe in Education 2020 (KCSIE)

Governors are aware of their role in safeguarding children; review the Safeguarding Policy annually and ensure independent contractors have the required child protection procedures.

Staff Conduct

If you are concerned about the conduct of a member of staff, following an observation or disclosure, the following actions must be taken:

- Immediately inform the DSL (Headteacher)
- In their absence, immediately inform the DDSL
- If you have a safeguarding concern about the headteacher, you should report it to the Chair of Governors. If the concern also involves the Chair of Governors, you should report it directly to the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO).