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Primary Safeguarding Newsletter – February 2024

Welcome to this term’s edition where we focus on ‘*What is Safeguarding?*’

At Peckover, safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of our pupils and families is everybody’s responsibility and our key priority.

The term ‘safeguarding’ refers to protecting the health, wellbeing and human rights of all citizens to live free from abuse, harm and neglect.

‘Child protection’ is part of the safeguarding process which focuses on protecting individual children identified as suffering or likely to suffer significant harm.

There are lots of strategies in place within our school which ensure that the safety and wellbeing of children is paramount at all times.



What is the role of the Designated Safeguarding Lead?

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Louise Tombleson and she has the role of taking the lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection within our school.

Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL) are Mrs Kendal, Mrs Fletcher, Mrs McGovern, Mrs Foad, Mrs Sutton and Miss Salter who also work together with Mrs Tombleson to prioritise the safety and wellbeing of all pupils. A DSL is always available to contact during school hours for staff to discuss any safeguarding concerns and also available to speak with families should they wish to discuss any worries/concerns in relation to the welfare of a child.

Prevent Duty

The Prevent Duty requires specific authorities such as education, health and local authorities to help prevent the risk of people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

At Peckover, we promote diversity and equality throughout our curriculum and through means such as assemblies and events. We strive for our children to be citizens whom are respectful and tolerant towards others, welcoming and celebrating our differences.

Our Prevent Lead is Mrs Fletcher who is trained to know how to seek support as part of the Prevent Duty should concerns arise that a pupil may be vulnerable to becoming involved in terrorism/extremism.



Operation Encompass is a police and education early information safeguarding partnership, enabling schools to offer immediate support to children experiencing domestic abuse.

This scheme ensures that a confidential notification is provided to school prior to the start of the next school day after an incident which the police have attended in relation to domestic abuse. The notification also confirms if a child was present in the incident.

We are committed to ensuring that we are able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children/their families who have experienced a domestic abuse incident.



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Encouraging pupils to talk about their feelings

At Peckover, we encourage children to talk openly about their feelings and experiences, and to share anything that they feel worried, upset or anxious about.

Our values are underpinned by the Protective Behaviours framework which consists of two themes that we regularly remind our pupils of:

- 1) *We all have the right to feel safe all of the time*
- 2) *We can talk with someone about anything, even if it feels awful or small*

Protective Behaviours encourages the development of a clear 'support network' which children can call upon having identified that they are feeling unsafe. Children may identify their support network by considering five people of whom they would be able to rely upon to help them.



Support at Peckover

We provide support in many ways to ensure that all pupils are able to know how to keep themselves safe, also encouraging them to share any worries and concerns. Some of examples of this support are:

- Online Safety and Healthy Relationships lessons/workshops/assemblies
- NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe visits and workshops
- Promoting national campaigns such as Anti-Bullying Week; Road Safety Week; Children's Mental Health Week; Safer Internet Day and completing various activities to raise awareness
- Designated Wellbeing Team within school with an open-door policy to children and families
- Accessing support from external agencies such as School Nursing/Health Visitor and Early Help services

Useful websites

Young Minds: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

Childline: <https://www.childline.org.uk/>

UK Safer Internet Centre: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

Children's 0-19 Team: <https://www.nhft.nhs.uk/0-19/>

NSPCC: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

Childnet: <https://www.childnet.com/>

Place2Be: <https://www.place2be.org.uk/>

ThinkUKnow: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Mind: <https://www.mind.org.uk/>

Barnardo's: <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/>

Reporting concerns

If you have a concern about the welfare of a child within our school, please speak to a Designated Safeguarding Lead or any member of staff.

You can also contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) to report concerns by calling 0300 126 3000. This line is also manned during evenings and weekends.

Alternatively, safeguarding concerns for a child can be shared with the NSPCC by calling 0808 800 5000, emailing help@NSPCC.org.uk or completing an online form by visiting www.nspcc.org.uk.

