

Understanding Safeguarding for Parents and Carers



Boulevard Primary Partnership

What does Safeguarding Mean?

Safeguarding is what everyone who works with children has to do, to prevent children from abuse. The abuse could be physical, emotional, neglect (not looking after a child properly), or sexual abuse. The abuse can be in person, or online, and it could be carried out by someone the child knows, or someone they don't know.

What school staff do for Safeguarding:

- Every member of school staff has to record any concerns they have about what children have said, or if they have seen something that concerns them.
- Every member of staff has thorough recruitment checks and safeguarding training completed before working with children.
- The school site is checked regularly.
- Children are only allowed to go home with an adult that we've been made aware of.
- We tell children that if they are worried about anything, their job is to tell an adult and our job is to write it down and sort it out.
- Children are taught how to keep themselves safe in lots of different situations.

What can parents and carers can do to help:

- Make sure we have up to date contact information for you and any adults that can collect your children after school.
- Remember to phone the school if your child is poorly (if we haven't heard from you, we may have to come to where you live, to check you're all okay).
- Support the school with keeping children safe online or when outside the family home (e.g. in parks and on roads).

The School's Role in Safeguarding

- Everything we do is in line with Milton Keynes Local Authority's focus on putting the **child first**.
- We have an open door policy, so parents and carers can ask for advice and support at any time and we will always make time to meet with you if you need support.
- Sometimes, the school has to work with social workers, or other agencies like the police, or health services, to support children at schools. If that is the case, we may be asked to provide information to them such as Attendance information, how the child is doing academically or sharing any concerns that have been identified at school.
- On the very rare occasions when there are safeguarding concerns for a child of a more serious nature, the information that the school is asked for, is just part of all the information that is considered. **The school doesn't make any long term decisions about children and any information shared is collected from everyone who works directly with the children.**

In every school (and other places where children have adults supporting them) in the United Kingdom, all staff (and volunteers) are required to have safeguarding training. We also all need to follow the very detailed guidance that is set out in the document Keeping Children Safe in Education.