

Safeguarding Statement

Garfield Primary is committed to creating a happy and safe environment for our children to learn.

Child Protection

This is an important subject in which all staff receive regular training. Our priority is to work with you but there may be times when we have to involve other people. Everybody has a responsibility to keep all children under the age of 18 safe.

Harm is identified in four ways

Physical—This is when a child is deliberately hurt or injured.

Sexual—This is when a child is influenced or forced to take part in a sexual activity. This can be a physical activity or non-physical, e.g. being forced to look at an inappropriate image.

Emotional—This is when a child is made to feel frightened, worthless or unloved. It can be by shouting, using threats or making fun of someone. It can also be when children see their parents, or visitors to the home, fighting or using violence.

Neglect—This is when a child is not being taken care of by their parents. It can be poor hygiene, poor diet, not keeping appointments for additional support, not coming to school or being left home alone.

Who to contact in school if you have any concerns:

Designated Safeguarding Lead:



Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Ms Magdalena Gabruk



Deputy DSL

Mr David Joyce, Ms Ozgen Pastirmacioglu

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A GUIDE TO SAFEGUARDING

FOR PARENTS

AT

GARFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

What School Must Do

A child should be able to go to school and feel safe so that they can achieve their very best.

- The school has a Designated Safeguarding Lead, Ms Gabruk, who has had additional training in order to efficiently deal with a concern is brought to her.
- The school has a safeguarding policy which outlines the school's responsibilities for safeguarding and the processes all school staff follow in order to keep children safe.
- Anybody who works or volunteers at **Garfield Primary** will be DBS checked to make sure they are safe to work with children.
- We always listen to parents, carers, school staff and visitors and work closely with them if we are concerned about a child.
- We are dedicated to helping our pupils to learn about keeping themselves safe through weekly PSHE lessons, whole school assemblies and workshops.
- We teach children about healthy eating, anti-bullying, online safety, road safety, healthy relationships, drug and alcohol awareness.

What Parents/Carers Must Do

Parents are the most important people to keep their children safe. Parents and Carers should always:

- Feel confident to raise concerns about their child.
- Talk to school if they need help or support.
- Read the school policies about safety issues
- Let the school know if their child has a medical condition.
- Let the school know if they have any court orders relating to the safety of the child.
- Let the school know if there is a change in the circumstances such as a house move, a new contact number, a change of name, a change of parental responsibility.
- Inform the school who will be dropping off or collecting their child and provide two other emergency contacts.
- Inform the school of any changes to agreed arrangements.
- Let the school know if their child is going to be absent and the reasons why.

Safeguarding Issues

Attendance—each child's attendance is monitored daily and significant absences are always followed up by the attendance officer. The school has an attendance policy parents/carers you should read and understand. We aim for 97% and anything below 90% is a cause for concern.

Behaviour—**Garfield Primary** has clear behaviour policy for the whole school community that must be followed to keep everyone safe and happy. We understand that children do sometimes fall out and this will be dealt with by an adult who will listen the children involved and help the resolve the situation.

Bullying—The school takes all cases of bullying very seriously and will work with children and families to try and resolve any problems. The school has an anti-bullying policy that parents/carers should read and understand.

Health and Safety—Everyone at **Garfield Primary** has a responsibility to keep adults and children in a safe environment. The school has a clear health and safety policy which everyone must follow. The school have fully trained first aiders to deal with any accidents in school.

Online-safety - The school recognises that technology plays an important roll in the education of our children and is committed to safeguarding children in the virtual world. To support parents, the school has online safety information to help keep your children safe both in school and at home (see website and Friday Flyer).