



Hillside Infant School Safeguarding Leaders

These members of staff can be approached about any concerns about child safety or child protection issues

- **Mrs Fennell** – Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding lead (DSL)
- **Miss Pugh** – Pastoral care lead and Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead (DDSL)
- **Mrs Gibson** – co-headteacher
- **Mrs Pieniek-Jones** - Assistant Headteacher – Inclusion / SENDCO

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Safeguarding and Child Protection parent newsletter

Safeguarding our pupils is a priority at our school

Welcome to our first half termly newsletter that shares key information and advice with parents and carers so that we can all work together with the same aim of keeping children safe in school, at home and in the wider community.

What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding refers to the process of protecting children (and adults) to provide safe and effective care. This includes all procedures designed to prevent harm to a child.

It relates to many areas of life including physical health and safety, bullying, mental health issues, attendance, managing medical conditions, road and internet safety, as well as experiencing abuse, neglect or domestic violence.

What is Child Protection?

Child Protection is part of safeguarding process, protecting individual children identified as suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. This includes the child protection procedures which detail how to respond to concerns about a child.

What school and college staff should know and do

Following the guidance of the document 'Keeping Children safe in Education - 2024' and the guidelines within Hillingdon's Safeguarding Children Partnership – Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility.

Everyone who comes into contact with children (Children includes everyone under the age of 18) **and their families have a role to play.**

In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all practitioners should make sure their approach is child centred, meaning that they should consider, at all times, what is in the best interests of the child.

At Hillside Infant School we feel it is really important to work with parents/carers and with the agencies that support schools and families so that we can provide a safe environment that educates pupils of risks they may face and how they can respond to them in a safe manner.