

# Safeguarding at Barrow Hall

At Barrow Hall Community Primary School, Safeguarding has a high profile. Everyone who has contact with children has a shared safeguarding responsibility. At Barrow Hall, we are committed to working together with the relevant agencies to ensure that children and families are able to receive the right help at the right time and that appropriate action is taken swiftly to protect children from harm.

Our safeguarding policies and procedures are reviewed regularly and our staff receive regular safeguarding updates and training. Our school recruitment procedures support the safeguarding of young people, as laid out in the Warrington Safer Recruitment guidance. Our Stay Safe Team meets regularly to discuss any safeguarding issues relating to our children.

## **What to do if you are concerned:**

If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please share your concern with one of the Stay Safe Team members at the earliest opportunity.

If your concerns relate to the actions or behaviour of a member of staff or volunteer in school, then you should report this to the Headteacher (or Deputy Headteacher in his absence) who will consider what action to take and seek relevant advice.

If the concern relates to the Headteacher, refer the matter to the Chair of Governors: Mr Chris Forrest.

Should you ever have urgent concerns for the immediate safety of a child, you should contact the police or you can make a direct referral to Children's Social Care by phoning 01925 443400.

## **Our Stay Safe Team**



**Designated  
Safeguarding Lead:**  
Mrs Jane Dilorenzo



**Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead:**  
Mr John Littler



**Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead:**  
Mrs Jan Shaw



**Equalities  
Co-ordinator**  
Mrs Jenni Hewitson



**Strategic  
Safeguarding Lead:**  
Mrs Emma Coupe



**Safeguarding  
Governor:**  
Mr Chris Forrest



**E-Safety  
Co-ordinator:**  
Mrs Chelsea Evans

Our Stay Safe Team also includes pupil members. Throughout the year, they carry out different duties to help safeguarding remain a high profile with adults and children alike.

We update our Safeguarding Policy at least annually and whenever new information becomes available. Staff receive annual safeguarding training from Mrs Dilorenzo, our Designated Safeguarding Lead, along with half-termly updates. In addition to this, all staff complete the Hays on-line safeguarding training course every two years. Emma Coupe, our Strategic Safeguarding Lead, produces a monthly newsletter that is circulated to all of our staff. It keeps us up to date and also spotlights a particular issue to deepen our knowledge.

We regularly engage our children in talking and thinking about ways to keep safe. This may be through lessons, assemblies or our safeguarding noticeboards. It is important that Barrow Hall pupils know that they will be listened to and their opinions valued.

### **Safeguarding Procedures for School Staff**

At Barrow Hall, we use the Child Protection On-line Monitoring System (CPOMS). Staff record any concerns they may have about a child for the attention of the Stay Safe Team. The team decides the best way to deal with these concerns. This may include speaking to the children and/or their parents/carers or seeking advice from a range of agencies.

## Safeguarding Procedures for Parents/Carers

If parents/carers have any concerns relating to the wellbeing of their children or any other children they can report it to the Designated Safeguarding Lead or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads, who will decide what action to take.

## Safeguarding Procedures for Children

If children are concerned about their own well-being or the well-being of another child, they are encouraged to speak immediately to a teacher or trusted adult in school. All children are reminded of this throughout the school year.



Working closely with Cheshire Police, our school is involved in an initiative called **Operation Encompass**. The purpose of Operation Encompass is to safeguard and support children and young people who have been involved in, heard or witnessed a domestic abuse incident. Following such an incident, children may arrive at school distressed, upset, worried and unprepared. Operation Encompass aims to ensure that appropriate school staff (known as Key Adults) are made aware immediately so they can support children and young people in a way that means they feel safe and valued.

At Barrow Hall, our Key People for Operation Encompass are Mr Littler, Mrs Dilorenzo and Mrs Shaw. You can find out more by visiting <http://www.operationencompass.org> or by contacting Mrs Dilorenzo, Mr Littler or Mrs Shaw.

## Safeguarding in our Curriculum

Equipping our children with the knowledge and skills they need to keep themselves and others safe is very important to us at Barrow Hall. Some examples of how keeping safe is embedded into school life can be viewed here:

**PE and Science:** Both subjects provide information on what the body needs to stay fit and healthy, now and in the future.

**Computing:** Staying safe online is a big part of our computing curriculum for every year group. We have pupil Digital Leaders, regular e-safety updates, parent meetings and assemblies. We use monitoring

software that helps prevent children from viewing anything inappropriate. Children are taught explicitly how to enjoy the web safely.

**Junior Safety Officers:** Our Junior Safety Officers are chosen from Year 5. They receive training from Warrington Borough Council and use this to plan a number of events to keep our school community safe. They have a notice board where they promote safety messages, deliver an assembly on an aspect of safety every month and they work with our PCSO on special safety projects.

**NSPCC:** We use the NSPCC Underpants Rule training to help keep our children safe from abuse. They also visit regularly to give the 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' message to all our children. They explore talking about problems and worries, how to get help and trusted adults/grown-ups. We promote the Childline service around school.

For further advice on Safeguarding issues, please visit [Warrington Safeguarding Children Board](#).

### Useful Telephone Numbers

<b>Who they are?</b>	<b>Number</b>
Police (non emergency)	101
Children's Safeguarding Service/Social Work Team	01925 443400
Out of hours - Children's Safeguarding Service/Social Work Team	01925 444400
School Health Advisors	01925 867927
Health Visitors	01925 867928
Speech and Language	01925 251389
Child Development Centre	01925 867867
Warrington Youth Club	01925 581226
St Joseph's Family Centre	01925 635448
Great Sankey Children's Centre	01925 446244
Golden Gates Housing Trust	01925 452452
Citizens Advice Bureau	01925 246994
Pathways	01925 415176
School Admissions	01925 446226