# Keeping Children Safe

Paradise Primary School is committed to ensuring all children are safeguarded and that pupil welfare is paramount. The school is committed to creating a happy and safe environment for our children to learn.

This leaflet will help you understand how we keep your children safe by telling you:

- •How children can be harmed
- •What we must do to keep you child safe from harm
- •What you must do as a parent to help your child be safe and enjoy school
- •Safeguarding Issues you need to be aware of

### **Child Protection**

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 none physical, e.g. being made 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.

# Useful Contacts

## **Designated Safeguarding Lead:**

Hafsa Patel

## **Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:**

Nasima Mohmed

## **Governors Safeguarding lead:**

Yasir Patel

Suggested websites to support families:

https://www.kirkleessafeguardingchildren.co.uk/

https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/

https://www.operationencompass.org/

www.bullying.co.uk

www.parentlineplus.org.uk

www.childline.org.uk

The following policies are linked to the information contained in this leaflet:

- Safeguarding Child Protection Policy
- Health & Safety Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Medical Policy
- E-Safety Policy
- Complaints Policy

These can be accessed via our website -

www.paradiseschool.org.uk



# Safeguarding Information For Parents

## **Paradise Primary School**

1 Bretton Street Dewsbury West Yorkshire WF12 9BB

Email: <u>info@paradiseschool.org.uk</u> Website: <u>www.paradiseschool.org.uk</u>

Phone: 01924 439803

# 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 ensures that children feel secure and encouraged to talk and are listened to within an open and positive school atmosphere.

Every effort will be made to establish effective working relationships with parents and colleagues from other agencies, such as the police and social care.

Anybody who works or volunteers at Paradise Primary School will have a DBS check to ensure that they are safe to work with children. All staff are aware of their need to safeguard children and of their responsibilities in identifying and reporting possible cases of abuse and to monitor children known or thought to be at risk of harm.

We will always listen to you and work closely with you if we are concerned about your child, but sometimes, we may not be able to discuss our concern. The school has a safeguarding policy which tells you more about this and when we must speak to the police or children's services.

We will help your child to learn about keeping themselves safe. Lessons can include healthy eating, anti-bullying, e-safety, road safety, healthy relationships, drug and alcohol awareness. As part of these lessons your child will be told what to do if they are worried or concerned about their safety

# What Parents Must Do

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

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

# Safeguarding Issues

**Attendance**—your child's attendance is monitored daily and significant absences are always followed up by management. The school has an attendance policy that you should read and understand.

**Behaviour**—Paradise primary School has clear behaviour rules for the whole school 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 the Behaviour Lead who will listen to the children involved and help 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 you should read and understand.

Health and Safety—Everyone at Paradise Primary School has a responsibility to keep adults and children work 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. Risk assessments are carried out regularly.

*E-safety* - The school recognises that technology plays and important role in the education of our children and is committed to safeguarding children in the virtual world. To support parents, the school has e-safety information to help keep your children safe both in school and at home. We advise parents to be vigilant in the use of online equipment by their children.

Children are supervised at all times when online and understand that they must report anything they find inappropriate to an adult.

Complaints—If you have any complaints about how the school is working with you or your child please feel confident to speak to us. The headteacher will always be happy to speak to you to resolve any difficulties. It is better to speak to us as soon as you have a concern so that it does not become a bigger issue. If you do not feel the matter has been resolved, you can raise your concerns with the governing body.