

Governors

Governors at Highfield are aware of their role in safeguarding children and review the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy annually.

Di Wren is the designated governor who liaises with the school to review school policies and procedures and reports



Highfield Primary School

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Site Safety

- Risk assessments carried out regularly & communicated to pupils and staff.
- Bevin Betton is the designated Health and Safety Governor.
- There is an accident book, behaviour book with evidence of action taken and impact of action.
- All members of staff are required to wear ID badges at all times.
- All members of staff are aware of their responsibilities to report health and safety concerns to the site manager immediately.

Visitors to School

Visitors are admitted on to the school site and must report immediately to the main reception desk, sign in and receive Visitor Badge.

Visitor has photo ID, driving license or passport and a valid DBS.

Visitor has no photo ID or DBS.

Visitor is able to have unsupervised access to the school.

Visitor must be supervised by a member of staff. Visitor must be made aware.

If a visitor does not have the relevant ID/checks they must wait until a suitable member of staff is available to supervise access.

Lockers are available to put personal belongings in, including personal mobile phones. Please see our separate leaflet on the use of mobile phones.

All visitors must sign into the visitors' book.

If you have any concerns around the safeguarding of the children at Highfield Primary School, or would like further information, please ask in the school office/reception.

Highfield Primary School and its Governing body fully recognise that they have a duty to ensure arrangements are in place for safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of children (Section 175 of the Education Act 2002). We adhere to the LA's Safeguarding Children Board Procedures.

We recognise that all members of the school community including volunteers and governors will at all times play a full and active part in protecting our children from harm.

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

Safeguarding and Child Protection,
Health and Safety, Attendance
Sex and Relationships, Safer Recruitment
Anti Bullying , E Safety
and Whistle Blowing

This leaflet outlines how we, as a school and a community, intend to keep our children safe. The policies and guidelines are not intended to alienate parents/carers or visitors but ensure that the children in our school are safe at all times.

Entry and Exit from the school

- All visitors must report to the main reception upon entering the school premises
- Visitors must press the call button to gain entry. They must inform the Receptionist of who they are and state the reason for their visit.
Office opening hours for general enquiries:
8.45 - 9.30am
3.00 - 3.45pm

STAFF

If a member of staff has any concerns or queries about any of the guidance below they should seek advice from a senior leader immediately.

Staff Conduct

Staff are required to work in a professional way with children. Our Code of Conduct makes all staff aware of the procedures and protocols that must be adhered to in regard to:

- Physical intervention
- Cultural and gender stereotyping
- Dealing with sensitive information
- Contacting children through private telephones (including texting and), emailing, using MSN, or social networking sites is not permitted. Privacy filters should be used. Personal mobile phones are locked away during school time and are not allowed to be kept in classes
- Disclosing personal details must not happen
- Meeting pupils outside school hours or school duties is not permitted

Confidentiality

Members of staff and governors may have access to confidential information about pupils in order to undertake their responsibilities. In some circumstances the information may be highly sensitive. Confidential or personal information about a pupil and/or their family must never be disclosed to anyone other than on a need to know basis.

Pupil and staff records are all kept securely.

Safe Recruitment

When recruiting new staff at least one member of the interview panel will have successfully completed the Safer Recruitment training and will be involved throughout all stages of the recruitment and selection process.

Designated Members of Staff

The designated members of staff keep child protection information and records securely, offer advice and support to colleagues, pass on concerns to the relevant authorities and liaise with social workers. The designated members of staff are Ms McGovern (Lead), Mrs Kemal (Deputy), Mrs Shaughnessy, Mrs Christodoulou, Mrs Lynch and Mrs Calder.

Allegations against a member of staff

Any concerns about a member of staff's conduct should be passed on to the Headteacher. If the concern is about the Headteacher, it should be reported to the Chair of Governors. The member of staff may be asked to leave the premises and be "suspended" while investigations are held.

Single Central Record

The Single Central Record holds information on all staff and visitors, including volunteers and contractors working in the school. Mrs Moens is responsible for the upkeep of the SCR and the Head of School monitors it regularly inline with OFSTED requirements. The Chair of Governors also checks it yearly.

PUPILS

Physical Contact and Restraint

Members of staff may have to make physical interventions with children. Members of staff should only do this where it is necessary to protect the child, or another person from danger and when the member of staff has received appropriate training (Approach). Mrs Collins in RC and Mrs Christodoulou, Learning Mentor have been trained.

Photographing Children

Every effort will be taken to allow parents/carers to take photographs and videos of their own children **after** any events, activities or performances have ended. Photographs and videos are not permitted during any school activity, event or performance on or off site in order to ensure all safeguarding expectations are met. Other children can only be photographed or videoed if the parent/carer is present at the event and they have given permission.

There are restrictions on the use of images of children (e.g. data protection) and may be health and safety considerations. We adhere to the following guidelines:

- We seek written parental consent for the use of photographs and images for use by the school (including the school website and brochures) when a child joins the school.
- If visitors come to the school to make videos or take photographs for use outside the school we will seek specific parental consent.
- Staff should be sensitive to the feelings of pupils who may be uncomfortable about being photographed.
- Staff should be aware of the use of flash photography and the impact it may have on some of our pupils. Children are not named in our publications.

Children with SEN

We recognise that statistically, children with behavioural difficulties and disabilities are most vulnerable to abuse. All members of staff who support these pupils will be made aware of the need for vigilance for the signs of abuse.

E-Safety

The school's E-Safety policy is on our school website.

Transporting Pupils

In certain situations e.g. out of school activities, staff, volunteers or governors may agree to transport pupils. Wherever possible any transport arrangements should be made in advance by a designated member of staff. Any transport should be provided other than in private vehicles, with at least one adult additional to the driver acting as an escort.

Before and After School Activities and Educational Visits

Staff and volunteers should take particular care when supervising pupils in the less formal atmosphere of an educational visit, particularly in a residential setting, or after-school activity. Staff and volunteers remain in a position of trust and the same standards of conduct apply. The school has a policy on educational visits which forms part of this policy.