



Safeguarding Statement

SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION STATEMENT

Under the Education Act 2002 (section 175/157), schools must, “make arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.”

We will endeavour at Ely St John's Primary School, to provide a safe and welcoming environment where children are respected and valued.

The school will be alert to signs of abuse and neglect and will follow the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) procedures to ensure that children receive appropriate and effective support and protection.

Parents/carers should know that the law requires all school staff to pass on information which gives rise to a concern about a child's welfare, including risk from neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse. We wish to make you aware that records of welfare concerns may be kept about a child. We will seek, in general, to discuss any concerns with you including any referral we may have to make to another agency. However, in situations where the child is suspected to be at risk of harm, the law says that schools may take advice from other agencies without informing parents/carers.

In accordance with local Information Sharing protocols, we will ensure that information is shared securely and sensitively. Information will only be shared with other services where it is deemed necessary and proportionate to ensure that children are safe and receive the right help and support.

We will seek advice from Social Care when we have reasonable cause to suspect a child may be suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. Occasionally, concerns are passed on which are later shown to be unfounded. Parents/carers will appreciate in such cases, that the member of staff in the school with responsibility for child protection (known as the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Designated Person), was carrying out their responsibilities in accordance with the law and acting in the best interests of all children.

Under Section 3 (5) of the Childrens Act 1989, schools or any person who has care of a child, “may...do what is reasonable in all the circumstances of the case for the purpose of safeguarding or promoting the child's welfare”. This means that on rare occasions, a school may need to “hold” a child in school whilst Social Care and the Police investigate any concerns further.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead at Ely St John's is the Headteacher, Liz Bassett.

Liz Bassett and John Henson (from 28.9.18) are the Designated People for Child Protection. Chris Ashley, School Business Manager and governor, is also DP trained.