



FRIARAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Safeguarding Newsletter – Autumn 1, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our very first safeguarding newsletter! At Friarage Primary School, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and our top priority. Everyone who comes in to contact with the children and families who comprise our community has a role to play.

Everything that we do has the children at its centre. Their wellbeing, their safety, their achievement, their happiness underpins every decision we make. Often when safeguarding is mentioned, the immediate thought is about child protection – when a child is suffering harm, or is in danger of suffering harm. However, safeguarding is much more complex than this and encompasses a very wide range of areas. At Friarage we ensure that all of our staff are well trained in all aspects of safeguarding and this training is regularly updated and frequently revisited throughout the year. We also ensure that our curriculum provides the children with age-appropriate opportunities to learn how to keep themselves healthy and safe.

With this in mind we will be sending out a half-termly newsletter informing you of any recent safeguarding updates as well as providing you with key information around a range of safeguarding issues. This issue will introduce you to the school's Designated Safeguarding Team and what to do if you are worried about a child

Mr. Vipond (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT A CHILD

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Deputies straightaway.

If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police on **999**

If you have a concern about a child that you wish to share then please contact:

During office Hours:

MAST – Multi Agency Screening Team – 0300 131 2 131

Out of Office Hours: - Weekends, Evenings and Bank Holidays

EDT – Emergency Duty Team – 0300 131 2 131

Meet the Designated Safeguarding Team

The graphic features the Friarage school crest on the left, which includes a shield with a cross and four quadrants, topped with a banner that says 'FRIARAGE'. To the right of the crest is a large yellow banner with the text 'Friarage Safeguarding Team'. Below this banner are seven individual portraits of team members, each with a yellow label above them. The labels and roles are: Mr Vipond (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mrs Cappleman (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mrs Langley (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mrs Carver (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mrs Cooper - Haywood (Safeguarding Governor), and two other unnamed team members. The background is decorated with various colored pentagons.

Mr Vipond
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Cappleman
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Langley
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Carver
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Cooper - Haywood
Safeguarding Governor

The Safeguarding Team oversee and coordinate all aspects of the school's work to ensure that children are kept safe. They regularly attend training to ensure their skills and knowledge are up-to-date.

School Safeguarding Governor:

Mrs A Cooper-Haywood - She can be contacted via the office or by telephone on: 01723 374244

What is a Designated Safeguarding Lead?

Each school must have an appropriate senior member of staff to take lead responsibility for child protection. Key aspects of the 'Designated Safeguarding Lead' role include: —

- # Ensuring that all staff are aware of the processes for raising safeguarding concerns
- # Ensuring all staff understand the signs of child abuse and neglect
- # Referring any concerns to Social Care
- # Monitoring children who are the subject of Child Protection and CiN (Child in Need) Plans
- # Maintaining accurate and secure child protection records
- # Raising awareness of the school's safeguarding policies and procedures, and ensuring these are implemented and reviewed regularly.

Safeguarding Governor Role

The Safeguarding Governors' responsibilities include:

- # Ensuring the school is following safer recruitment procedures when recruiting any new staff members
- # Reviewing all activity and policy relating to the physical and emotional well-being of all children
- # Seeking improvement to ensure the school follows best practice in creating a productive and safe environment for all

Useful Safeguarding Acronyms and Vocabulary

DSL: Designated Safeguarding Lead

MAST: Multi-Agency Screening Team

CP: Child Protection

CiN: Child in Need

EH: Early Help

CEOP: Child Exploitation and On-Line Protection Centre

KCSIE: Keeping Children Safe in Education

PREVENT: Part of the Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy to stop people being drawn in to extremism