

## Visitors and off site visits

- Providing opportunities for children to learn about the work of Fire-fighters, the police, community officers and the school nurse.
- Children in Class 6 attend an annual 'safety carousel'

## Parents

- Providing workshops and training sessions that enable you to support your child in areas such as e-safety, anti-bullying, first aid and approaching puberty

If you require any further information on safeguarding please contact the school office.

The staff of this school will endeavour at all times to provide a happy and stimulating environment where staff, students, pupils, parents, carers and voluntary helpers will feel welcome and want to be part of the school day.

It is a school where all adults will be vigilant in ensuring that concerns are identified and appropriately communicated specifically concerning physical and emotional abuse, neglect, and sexual abuse.

Our school is committed to promoting the welfare of all children by working in partnership with parents, with the Local Authority and with all relevant agencies and partners in child protection, in accordance with locally agreed procedures and practices.

### *Article 19*

*Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them.*

# Oakley Cross Primary School



## Safeguarding Information for Parents & Carers

## What does safeguarding mean?

- protecting children from maltreatment
- protecting their health and development
- ensuring they grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- to enable children to have optimum life chances and enter adulthood successfully

## How does Oakley Cross Primary ensure my child is safe?

It is the school's responsibility to ensure your child is safe and this is achieved in the following ways:

### Physical safety

- Having one entranceway to the school building for visitors, by ensuring all visitors sign in and out and wear visitors badges
- Half termly fire drills take place
- Termly Health and Safety checks are carried out by school staff

- Risk assessments are carried out on site by school staff and also by teachers prior to any off site visits.

### Emotional safety

- Having a values-based ethos where everyone is valued and views are treated with respect.
- Providing a safe environment that provides opportunities for children to share any concerns with trained adults e.g. Circle Times and PSHE (Personal, Social, and Health Education) lessons
- Having access to external professionals and agencies to provide more specific support to vulnerable children, for example CAMHS, School nurse, EWO and the First Contact Team

### Staffing

- Ensuring all adults that work or volunteer in school are subject to DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks prior to joining the school.
- Ensuring all new staff members attend Safeguarding training
- Having a number of team members trained in First Aid.
- Ensuring the school has trained Designated Teachers for Child Protection, and that all staff and visitors know who they are.

### Curriculum

- Ensuring that topics such as road safety, Bikeability, Stranger Danger, e-safety and anti-bullying are taught in class and during school assemblies.
- Having a focussed 'Safety Fortnight' in school