

YSGOL SEFYDLEDIG CAERGEILIOG FOUNDATION SCHOOL



THE SCHOOL'S SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

Our School prides itself on its commitment to 'A SERVICE OF CARE' and recognises that keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility.

Children have a right to be cared for and protected. Protecting them is everyone's responsibility and in accordance with our duty of care we ensure that all users are kept safe from harm.

We are committed to providing a secure and supportive environment in which our pupils can develop and grow into mature and responsible adults. Safeguarding children is an essential part of our holistic approach to ensure that children are protected from abuse and neglect and that every child reaches their full potential.

The School's staff, volunteers and service providers have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children as a shared responsibility with parents and other carers. If we have any reason to believe that a child may be at risk of suffering abuse or neglect a referral will be made to social care.

As a School we will support parents/carers and ensure we work in collaboration with them to protect children. Working with parents/carers to prevent abuse is our primary aim and only when that has failed or in emergency situations will a referral be made to social care. When a referral is made to social care, parents will be notified beforehand, except when guidance from social care or the police does not allow this.

We cannot safeguard children alone. All children's services and agencies work in partnership with each other. There are duties and rules about information sharing. However, if staff,

parents or carers have any concerns about a child, they have a responsibility to report those concerns and we must record and act on them.

At Caergeiliog Foundation School our Safeguarding Policy is underpinned by the All Wales Safeguarding Procedures. The policy applies to all children and young people regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability, sexuality or religion. It is a requirement at our School that all users are informed of these policies and practice guidance and what they should do if they have concerns. Our Safeguarding Policy is available from the School Office and may also be found on our School Website.

If you have any concerns about the practice of our staff, please speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

What you can do

Parents and carers play a role in safeguarding children in their community. If you have any concerns, no matter how small, you should report them to someone who you trust will listen. The School is required to have Designated Safeguarding Leads for this purpose and parents and children should speak to one of these officers if they have any concerns about a child or staff member.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads in the school are:

Simon Browne – Deputy Head Teacher /Year 6 Teacher

Lindsea Roberts – Leader of the Foundation Phase/Year 2 Teacher

Elizabeth Owens – ALNCo – Year 4 Teacher

Designated Safeguarding Leads – Governing Body: -

Karen McCarter

Leiah Roberts

If you think a child or young person may be in immediate danger, call 999.

Otherwise contact: Teulu Môn officers on 01248 725 888

For the Children's Social Care Duty Team call:- 01758 870455

Out of hours call: - 01248 353551