

Child Protection and safeguarding terms

Child protection and safeguarding means protecting children from abuse, and identifying and stopping abuse that might already be happening.

This means:

- Protecting children from being hurt and not being looked after properly.
- Making sure that no one stops children from growing up healthy and that every child is helped to reach their full potential.
- Making sure children are growing up in homes that are safe and that all their needs are being met.

What is abuse?

Abuse is a deliberate act of ill-treatment that can harm or is likely to harm a child or young person's safety, well-being and development.

Abuse can be:

- Physical
- Sexual
- Emotional.
- Neglect

Neglect of a child or young person also constitutes abuse and can be defined as failing to provide or secure for a child or young person the basic needs of physical safety and well-being.

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Every school must have a senior member of staff who is responsible for safeguarding and child protection. This person has the title of Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). Our school also has a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL).

School responsibilities

Children are protected from child abuse or neglect by agencies working together to assess the risk, and helping to prevent further abuse occurring.

The Department for Education has set out in **Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025** that every school must have:

- An effective child protection policy
- A behaviour policy
- A Staff behaviour policy
- Appropriate Safeguarding procedures (We use the online system CPOMS)

If you want to read our school policies you will find them on the school's website.

www.newtontony.wilts.sch.uk

Alternatively, the school can provide you with a paper copy. Ask for this at the school office.

All adults in school, including regular volunteers, must have training to make sure that they are aware of the signs of abuse and know what to do about their concerns.

School staff have a duty to talk to other agencies such as Children's Social Care and the Police if they have reason to believe that your child may be at risk of harm.

If your child transfers to another school, we will send any safeguarding information about your child to the receiving school.

What you need to know

If you need help with your child at home for any reason, the school will be able to provide advice and support or, with your agreement, suggest other agencies or teams that may be able to help.

You can ask to speak to

Miss Priestley – Head Teacher

or any other member of school staff to discuss how we may be able to help.

If anyone in school has any concern about the welfare of your child:

- this will be discussed with you (unless school staff have reason to believe that talking to you about concerns could put your child at a greater risk of harm).

Staff may

- offer to work with you to help your child.
- discuss their concerns with Children's Social Care. A social worker may consult with other agencies before deciding what should happen next and will also speak to you about the concern and keep you informed about what is happening.

If an allegation of abuse is made about an adult who works or volunteers at the school, this will be discussed with the Police and Children's Social Care. If your child is involved, you will be informed of discussions and decisions as appropriate.

You will find additional information at:

- Wiltshire Safeguarding Vulnerable People Board:
<https://wiltshiresvpp.org.uk/>
- The Department for Education:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education-2>

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- Childline
www.childline.org.uk
Free 24-hour telephone helpline:
0800 1111

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Key school personnel

Name	Role
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Mrs Hillier Squirrels Class Teacher	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
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