

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 East Dene Primary ensure your 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

Ensuring that all visitors sign in and out and wear badges.

Having CCTV cameras and keypads at the entrances.

Termly fire drills

Risk assessments carried out by teachers prior to any off site visits.

Emotional Safety

Having values-based ethos where everyone is valued and views are treated with respect.

Providing a safe environment that provides opportunities for children to share concerns with trained adults.

Staffing

Ensuring all adults that work or volunteer in school are subject to a DBS check prior to joining the school after having been interviewed by staff and governors who have attended safer recruitment training.

Ensuring all new staff members attend safeguarding and first aid training.

Ensuring the school has a trained safeguarding team, and that all visitors or volunteers know who they are.

Schools must follow:

- The law and guidance from the Department for Education
- The Rotherham Safeguarding Procedure
- Their own safeguarding policies

If the school is worried about whether a pupil is suffering harm, they must refer this on to a social worker.

The school will normally let the pupil's parent(s) or carer(s) know when they do this but they should not contact them if they think that this could put a child or young person at increased risk of harm.

When a school refers a child protection concern to a social worker, they must share all relevant information about the pupil.

The Data Protection Act allows schools to share information with other agencies when there are child protection concerns about a child or young person.



EAST DENE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS

A Safeguarding Information Leaflet for Parents/carers

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SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Mrs Ridge—Safeguarding Lead

Mr Young—Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Fenton—Deputy Safeguarding
Lead

Mr Griffith—Safeguarding Governor

What School Must Do

A child should be able to go to school and feel safe so that they can achieve their very best.

Anybody who works or volunteers at East Dene on a regular basis will be subject to rigorous checks including, where necessary a DBS check to make sure they are safe to work around children; trained to identify child abuse and what to do if they are concerned.

The school has a specially trained safeguarding team, who know exactly what to do when a concern is brought to their attention.

We always listen to you and work closely with you and your family.

We will help your child to learn about keeping themselves safe. Lessons can include healthy eating, anti-bullying, e-safety, road safety, healthy relationships and drug and alcohol awareness. As part of these lessons your child will be told what to do if they are worried or concerned about their safety.

What Parents Must Do

Parents/carers are the most important people to keep their children safe.

As a parent and carer you should always:

Feel confident to raise concerns about your child.

Talk to school staff if you need help or support.

Read the school policies about safety issues.

Let the school know if your child has a medical condition.

Let the school know if there is a change in your circumstances such as a house move, a new contact number, a change of name or a change of parental responsibility.

Let school know who will be dropping off or collecting your child and provide at least two other contact emergency numbers. You must inform the school of any changes to agreed arrangements.

Let the school know if your child is going to be absent and the reasons why.

Safeguarding Issues

Attendance: - your child's attendance is monitored daily. Significant absences are always followed up by the attendance officer, Mrs Turner. The school has an attendance leaflet that you can read.

Behaviour—East Dene has clear behaviour rules for the whole school community that must be followed to keep everyone safe and happy. We understand that children do sometimes fall out and this will be dealt with by an adult who will listen to the children involved and help to resolve the situation.

Bullying—the school takes all cases of bullying very seriously and will work with children and families to try and resolve any problems.

Health and Safety—Everyone at East Dene has a responsibility to help keep adults and children working in a safe environment.

E-Safety —The school recognised that technology plays an important role in the education of our children and is committed to safeguarding children in the virtual world.

If you have any complaints about how the school is working with you or your child please feel confident to speak to us. The Head of School will be happy to speak to you to resolve any difficulties. It is better to speak to us as soon as you have a concern so that it does not become a bigger issue. If you do not feel the matter has been resolved you can raise your concerns with our governors.