



## Leyburn Primary School's Safeguarding Statement

### "Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility"

All children have the right to be safe. They have a right to be cared for and protected and protecting them is everyone's responsibility and we recognise that we have a duty to ensure that arrangements are in place to promote the welfare of children.

Here at Leyburn Primary School we have a duty of care to ensure that all users of the school are kept safe from harm. We are committed to provide a secure and supportive environment in which children can develop and grow into mature and responsible people. 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. To support this, the school may signpost to services that are specialised to promote opportunity, prevent problems, act early and act effectively if and when concerns arise. Therefore, whilst we do not want to worry you, we will report to Children's Social Care if we have any reason to believe that a child may be at risk of suffering abuse or neglect.

Parents/carers are normally our first point of contact, and if a suspicion of abuse is recorded, parents/carers will be informed at the same time that the record is made; 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/carers 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 agencies work in partnership with each other. There are duties and rules about information sharing but if staff, parents

or carers have any concerns about a child, other parent, provider, agency or any person, they have a responsibility to report those concerns and we must record and act on them. We have a Leyburn Primary School child protection policy which is underpinned by the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Board Procedures and the document "Working Together to Safeguard Children", "Keeping Children safe in Education" and Safer Recruitment guidance. The policy applies to all children and young people regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability, sexuality or religion. It is a requirement that all users are informed of these policies and practice guidance and what they should do if they have concerns. This policy is available on our school website and can be found [here](#).

## **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 a designated safeguarding lead for this purpose. Parents and children should speak to them if they have any concerns about a child or staff member.

**Sarah Salonga** Designated Safeguarding lead,– deputy head,

**Sarah Beveridge** Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead, headteacher,

**Alexandra Hunter** Governor with responsibility for safeguarding

If you think a child or young person may be in immediate danger, call 999. Otherwise contact North Yorkshire's Children's Social Care on 01609 780 780.

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