

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

Wellesbourne will ensure:

Anybody who works or volunteers at our school will have had the appropriate checks

carried out to ensure that they are safe to work with children and then training provided to

identify child abuse and what to do if they are concerned.

The school has a Designated Safeguarding Lead, **Mrs C Willshire**, who has had extra

training to know what to do when a concern is brought to her.

That we always listen to you and work closely with you if we are concerned about

your child but, sometimes, we may not be able to discuss our concern.

The school has a safeguarding policy which tells you more about this and when we

must speak to the police or children’s services. Please ask us about how you can

see a copy of this policy.

We will help your child to learn about keeping themselves safe. Lessons can

include healthy eating, anti-bullying, online safety, road safety, healthy

relationships, drug and alcohol awareness.

As part of these lessons and assemblies, your child will be told what to do if they

are worried or concerned about their safety.

What the parents/carers must do:

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

always:

Feel confident to raise concerns about your child.

Feel confident to raise concerns about the conduct of a staff member/teacher.

Talk to school if you need help or support.

Read the school policies about safety issues available on request and on the

school website.

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

Let the school know if you have any court orders relating to the safety of your

child.

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, a change of parental

responsibility.

Let the school know who will be dropping off or collecting your child and two

other emergency contacts. 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.

**Wellesbourne is committed to creating a happy and safe environment for our children.**

This leaflet will help you understand how we keep your children safe by telling you:

How children can be harmed.

What we must do to keep your child safe from harm.

What you must do as a parent/carer to help your child be safe and enjoy school.

Safeguarding Children and Child Protection

Child Protection is an important subject in which all staff receive regular training. Our

priority is to work with you but there may be times when we have to involve other people.

Everybody has a responsibility to keep all children under the age of 18 safe. Wellesbourne has a statutory responsibility to share any concerns it may have about a child in need of protection with other agencies and in particular police, health and children’s services. Schools are not able to investigate concerns but have a legal duty to refer them.

In most instances, the school will be able to inform the parents/carer of its need to make a

referral. However, sometimes the school is advised by children’s services or police that the

parent/carer cannot be informed whilst they investigate the matter. We understand the

anxiety parents/carers may feel if they are not told from the outset. We follow legislation

that aims to act in the interest of the child.

**Abuse/Harm is identified in four ways:**

**Physical** – is when a child is deliberately hurt or injured

**Sexual** – is when a child is influenced or forced to take part in a sexual activity.

This can be a physical activity or non-physical, e.g. being made to look at an

inappropriate image.

**Emotional** – is when a child is made to feel frightened worthless or unloved.

It can be by shouting, using threats or making fun of someone. It can also be

when children see their parents/carers, or visitors to the home, fighting or using

violence.

**Neglect** – is when a child is not being taken care of by their parents/carers.

It can be poor hygiene, poor diet, and not keeping appointments for additional

support, not coming to school or being left home alone.

**It is advised that ALL parents/carers are familiar with our Child Protection Policy which is available through our website and on request.**

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