

Everyone at Grayrigg CE Primary School is committed to protecting children and safeguarding the pupils in our school.

Introduction

Grayrigg CE Primary School recognises the importance of all pupils' Safety & welfare. The purpose of this good practice leaflet is to share with you our excellent safeguarding practice and the responsibility we have to Safeguard all pupils. The health, safety and well-being of all our children are of paramount importance to all the adults who work here. Our children have the right to protection, regardless of age, gender, race, culture or disability. They have a right to be safe in our school; this is enhanced by our Ethos Team who are involved in producing the school's behaviour and positive relationships policy. We regard Child Protection / Safeguarding as an essential task of all its staff, governors and visitors/ volunteers who come into school. We are committed to protecting children and safeguarding pupils in school.

We strive to maintain an ethos where children feel secure and know adults in school can be approached if they are worried or in difficulty. We are also committed to establishing a safe physical environment in which children can learn and develop both personally and academically and achieve success.

AIMS

We aim to

- Establish and maintain an ethos where children feel secure and are listened to within an open and positive school atmosphere
- Ensure that children have an identified adult in school who they can approach if they are worried or in difficulty.
- Plan opportunities and activities into the curriculum for personal, social, health and citizenship development which equip children with the skills they need to stay safe.
- Make any referrals necessary to ensure the well-being of a pupil is safeguarded
- Ensure that the school is always a safe environment
- Ensure that children's identities and images are protected with regard to published information on the school, particularly on web sites and in the media

.....'Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play in Safeguarding children. School staff are particularly important as they are in a position to identify concerns early and provide help for children, to prevent concerns from escalating. Schools and their staff form part of the wider safeguarding system for children and should work with social care, the police & health services to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm'..... Keeping Children Safe in Education
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At Grayrigg, we also pride ourselves on teaching the children that they have the right to be safe. As they mature through school they become ethos crew members and eventually Ethos leaders- who work with school leaders to update the school's behaviour and positive relationships policy. The school works with NSPCC to educate children about all forms of abuse, to enable them to recognise if it happening to them. We also use the Child net and CEOP resources to educate children about staying safe online.

Action if you have a concern

Staff in school are in a good position to keep a watchful eye on children and their safety and to protect them from harm. If staff have concerns they have a duty to inform the Designated Safeguarding Lead for Child Protection Kirsty Cooper.

If concerns remain they can exercise their own judgement and, ask for advice. Advice or referrals is through the Cumbrian Safeguarding Hub which covers the whole of Cumbria. If you are uncertain whether to refer a child you can speak to a duty social worker to discuss your concerns and provide you with advice.

The telephone number of this service is: 0333 240 1727 and anyone with a concern about a child in Cumbria can contact Children's Services on this single number.

Safeguarding information can also be accessed on www.cumbrialscb.com