

For more information

Look at our school's safeguarding policy and child protection procedures.

Contact your Local Safeguarding Board:
www.safeguardingchildrenbarnsley.com

Look at Government guidance 'Working together to safeguard Children' (2010) at:
<http://publications.dcsf.gov.uk>

Children and young people can contact Childline for free 24-hour telephone support on 0800 1111 or at
www.chilline.org.uk

If you have a concern about a child, please tell somebody who can help.

Your local social care team is based at the Cudworth Lift Building.

To speak to a social worker contact:

01226 438831

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Child Protection in our School

Information for Parents/Carers

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'Safeguarding is everybody's business'

Children and young people have a fundamental right to be protected from harm.

Families have a right to expect schools to provide a safe and secure environment.

All schools have a legal duty to work with other agencies, for example social care and the police, to safeguard children's welfare.

This leaflet will explain to you what that means in practice. It also tells you where you can get more information or help.

All schools have a senior member of staff who is responsible for child protection matters affecting pupils at the school. The designated senior person for child protection in our school is Mrs Leishman.

Schools also have procedures which explain how they deal with child protection concerns, plus any other safeguarding policies including managing allegations or concerns about the behaviour of members of staff.

All policies are available from the school office.

Schools must follow:

- the law and guidance from the Department for Education
- The Barnsley Inter-Agency 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 pupils 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.

What happens if a social worker is involved.....

The social work manager, in consultation with other agencies, will decide what should happen next.

This should happen within 24 hours of receiving the referral.

They may decide that no further action is needed by them but suggest that the school or other agencies do an assessment using the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) or provide services to support the child.

They may decide that the referral needs looking into further. What action is taken will depend on the circumstances.

Any of the following may be appropriate:

- An initial assessment
- Child protection enquiries. These include assessing the risks to the child, based upon research, information shared and talking to those concerned.
- If the referral is about an allegation against a member of school staff a discussion will take place between the school and the authority to decide what should happen next. This might mean a referral to social workers and/or the police.
- They will contact you to let you know what is happening as soon as possible