

What happens if we have a concern?

If school has a concern that a child has been or is likely to be abused or neglected we have a legal duty to speak to Children's Services about this.

School will also inform parents or carers about this concern, providing this does not compromise the child's safety, and will help and support them as required.

Children's Services will advise the school on the action to take. This may mean involving other services.

We will keep parents/carers informed about what is happening .

If a child has an accident which results in injuries such as fractures, parents or carers should inform school so that there are no misunderstandings.

We understand that primary age children frequently have bruises from playing out and accidental falls and these would not raise concerns with us. Only unusual bruising or a child telling us that it had been caused by being deliberately hurt would cause us to ask further questions.

A representative from our school will attend any child protection conferences and provide relevant information about children and families.

Please remember that social services very rarely take children into care. They would much rather give support and help to improve things within the family home .

What should you do if you have a concern?

If you have a concern about a child in our school being abused, or likely to be abused, please do not hesitate to speak to us if you feel you cannot report this directly to Children's Services. We can try and support you with these concerns.

ADDITIONAL CONTACT DETAILS

Bolton Safeguarding Children Board

01204-337479

Referral & Assessment

01204-331500 (9am to 5pm)

Emergency Duty Team (after 6pm)

01204-337777

NSPCC Freephone

0800 5000

<http://boltonsafeguardingchildren.org.uk>



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Safeguarding Summary Leaflet for Parents/ Carers

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Introduction

Devonshire Road Primary School works hard to ensure that all pupils remain safe from harm. Our school is committed to playing a full and active part in the multi-agency response to safeguarding concerns. “Multi agency” means that more than one service is involved, for example school, school nurse and social care may all attend. Additionally, the School has a legal duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and to have a safeguarding policy to meet Department for Education and Department of Health requirements.

Through their day-to-day contact with pupils, and direct work with families, education staff have a crucial role to play in noticing indicators of possible abuse or neglect. Parents should be aware therefore that where it appears to a member of staff that a child may have been abused, the school is required, as part of the local safeguarding procedures to report their concern to the Children’s Services Department immediately.

We also have a role to play in supporting families who may need help with a number of issues. These could include behaviour, attendance or more general family concerns.

The complete Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy is available on the school website:

www.devonshire.bolton.sch.uk

Mrs Hodge:

Mrs Hodge is the Designated Safeguarding Lead within school. If she is absent then Mrs Hall, Mr Abraham or Mrs Abraham take on this role. Mrs Hodge takes the necessary action relating to concerns raised about pupils. She will contact the relevant services, or discuss and delegate as appropriate. Mrs Hodge is responsible for keeping relevant records on child concerns and ensuring that these are kept securely. She has an overview of the concerns and issues throughout the school and will prioritise the available resources accordingly.

Mrs Hall:

Mrs Hall, as Learning Mentor, has a key role within our safeguarding processes. Mrs Hodge and Mrs Hall meet weekly to discuss attendance issues and safeguarding concerns arising.



Mrs Hodge

Headteacher



Mrs Hall

Learning
Mentor



Mrs
Abraham

Deputy
Headteacher



Mr
Abraham

Deputy
Headteacher

*(Mrs Hodge, Mrs Hall, Mrs Abraham and Mrs
Abraham have all completed Designated
Safeguarding Lead Training)*

Children have a
right to be safe.

Parents/carers
have a right to be
informed.

Children are best
protected when
parents/carers
and school work
together.

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