

**How We Keep our Children Safe**

Shaw Ridge Primary School takes its responsibility to protect and safeguard the welfare of the children in our care very seriously.

“The welfare of the child is paramount.” Children’s Act 1989.

**Child Protection**

Shaw Ridge Primary School has a safeguarding policy to meet regulations by the Department of Health and the Department of Education. This policy is regularly reviewed by staff and the governing body. Within our school:

* Children have a right to be safe
* Parents have a right to be informed
* Children are best protected when the school and parents can work together

**Prevention**

Shaw Ridge Primary School will actively seek to prevent children suffering neglect and abuse through the development of an open culture which informs children of their rights and encourages them to speak about their concerns. The school will also address the issue of children’s safety through our curriculum.

**Responding to any Concerns**

The school will refer all allegations or concerns that a child has been, or is likely to be abused or neglected to the Social Services Department. We will, if appropriate:

* Consult when we have concerns that a child may have been abused or neglected.
* Discuss with parents any concerns they have about their children

**Safeguarding Leads**

The Designated Safeguarding Lead for Shaw Ridge Primary School is Mrs. Cowell (Head teacher)

The Designated Deputy Safeguarding Leads are Mr. Joe Lee and Mrs. Stephie Godwin

Please contact us immediately if you have any queries or concerns about any Safeguarding issues.

**E-Safety**

E Safety is an important part of our curriculum and is taught in every year group. There is a dedicated session to E Safety on our website which gives more details about websites you may find useful.

**Staff, Volunteers and visitors**

The appropriate members of staff are all trained in Safer Recruitment. Any adult working and attending our school regularly are police checked via the Disclosure and Barring Service. All visitors are asked to read our CP procedures.

**School Premises**

All external doors are locked throughout the day and only members of staff will let any other adult enter the school premises.

**Nurture Groups**

We regularly run nurture groups to help make sure our children feel happy and safe.