

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

The telephone number of this 24 hour service is:

Cumbria Safeguarding Hub:

0333 240 1727

Anybody with a concern about a child in Cumbria can contact Children's Services on this single number.

Hensingham Primary School Main Street
Whitehaven
CA288Z

Tel:(01946) 690021

office@hensingham.cumbria.sch.uk



The staff in Hensingham Primary School are in a good position to keep a watchful eye on children and their safety to protect them from abuse and neglect. If they have concerns they must inform the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Mrs. Brotherhood, or a member of the safeguarding team.

All referrals will be made through customer advisers/duty social workers who are based at the Cumbria Safeguarding Hub, which covers the whole of Cumbria.



Mrs Amanda Brotherhood
Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mental Health Lead
LAC/Prevent Lead



Mr Tony Clayton
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss Sarah Dowell
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Assistant to SENDCO

Safeguarding EVERYONE
at
Hensingham Primary School



Be the best you can be!

**An information leaflet for
visitors, parents and carers**

April 2024

Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families and carers has a role to play in safeguarding children.

They fulfil this responsibility effectively by:

- **Protecting children from maltreatment**
- **Preventing impairment of children's health or development**
- **Ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care**
- **Taking action to enable all children to have the best income**

(Working Together to Safeguard Children, DFE, September 2018)

At Hensingham Primary School we aim to safeguard and promote our pupil's welfare, safety and health. The children will be guided by fostering an open, honest, caring and supportive climate. The pupil's welfare and well-being are paramount importance.

We believe in involving the children in decision making school. This includes activities within the curriculum, personal and social education and emotional aspects of learning.

If a child says or otherwise communicates something that contradicts or conflicts with the parents/carers account of their health or welfare, then we all have a clear duty of care to ensure that any discrepancies are properly investigated and explained.

We will make any referrals necessary to ensure the well-being of all children is safeguarded.

The Education Act (2002) states that:

"The Governing Body ...shall make arrangements for ensuring that their functions relating to the conduct of the school are exercised with a view to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children..."

It is important for children to receive the right help at the right time to address risks and prevent issues escalating. Research and Serious Case Reviews have repeatedly shown the dangers of failing to take effective action. Poor practice includes: failing to act on and refer the early signs of abuse and neglect; poor record keeping; failing to listen to the views of the child; failing to re-assess concerns when situations do not improve; sharing information too slowly; and a lack of challenge to those who appear not to be taking action.

(Keeping Children Safe in Education, DFE, September 2023)

A copy of Hensingham's Primary Child Protection Policy and Overarching Safeguarding Statement are available for parents to view in school.

It is also available on the school website:

www.hensingham.cumbria.sch.uk

As always, but especially with regard to safeguarding, if you would like to discuss any matter with a member of staff, please call in, telephone or email us.

In addition, the school will fully comply with national and local statutory duties and guidance. In Hensingham Primary School we adhere to Cumbria's Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) procedures:

www.cumbrialscb.com

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