**Safeguarding is <u>everyone's</u> responsibility.**

**If you have urgent concerns for a child, or suspect that a child has been abused in any way and needs an urgent response, please call Cumberland Safeguarding Hub on:**

0333 240 1727

safeguarding.hub@cumberland.gov.uk

**If you are concerned that child is in an emergency situation, you should contact the Police on 999.**

**Hensingham Primary School**
**Main Street**
**Whitehaven**
**CA28 8QZ**

**Tel: (01946) 690021**

The staff at Hensingham Primary School are in a very 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) Ms Lee, or a member of the Safeguarding Team.

**Ms Amanda Lee**

Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Miss Sarah Dowell**

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Ms Amber Walsh**

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

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

**2026-2027**

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**Keeping Children Safe –**

**A Shared Responsibility**

At Hensingham Primary School, safeguarding is everyone's business. It means protecting children from abuse, harm, and neglect—and creating an environment where every child can thrive. This responsibility doesn't rest solely with school staff. As the *Keeping Children Safe in Education (2025)* guidance reminds us:

*"Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility."*

Parents, carers, volunteers, and visitors all play a part. The *Children Act (1989)* emphasises the importance of prioritising children's welfare, stating:

*"The welfare of the child is paramount."*

And under the *Education Act (2002)*, schools must promote the development and wellbeing of pupils as part of their statutory duties.

**What you can do to help:**

- Be alerted to signs a child may be struggling emotionally or physically
- Encourage respectful and open communication with children
- Follow our school's safeguarding procedures carefully
- Share any concerns—however small—with a designated safeguarding lead

The *Working Together to Safeguard Children (2023)* guidance calls for strong partnerships across education, family, and community services to ensure effective safeguarding. Together, we can build a network of protection and positivity around every child.

Thank you for helping us to keep our children safe.

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

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

A copy of Hensingham Primary School's Child Protection Policy and Overarching Safeguarding Statement are available 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.

At Hensingham Primary School we adhere to Cumberland Safeguarding Children's Partnership (CSCP) procedures:

**https://cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk**