



SPARKEN HILL ACADEMY

Safeguarding Children in Education

I am duty bound to inform you about how we at Sparken Hill Academy work to ensure the safety of all children in our care. This information is being sent to all parents/carers in order to keep you up-to-date. We are committed to supporting all of our children to do well. We will do everything we can to ensure our children are safeguarded and protected from harm.

What does safeguarding mean?

Every child has the right to be safe from harm and danger. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure every child is free from fear and able to learn and develop in safe, secure environments.

Why are we involved with safeguarding?

The Children Act 1989 and Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022 require everyone working with children to inform Children's Services about any child thought to be in need of support or at risk of harm. The Education Act 2002 also requires all Schools and Academy's to have arrangements to safeguard the children.

We have procedures in place to do this and a policy that all staff, volunteers and regular visitors must work to. You can request a copy of this from the main reception if you wish.

We also have to have 4 members of staff whose job it is to be responsible for all aspects of safeguarding in our school. They are Mr Lilley, Mrs Phoenix, Mrs Gardiner and Mrs White. We also have a named Governor for safeguarding and this is Mrs Middleton and he can be contacted via the school office.

How you can work in partnership with us...

Children will get the most out of their education when we all work together on every issue.

This means that both school and home have to have good communication links. Please let us know about anything that might affect your child, we might be able to help. Let us know if your child has a medical condition or has had an accident. Also, please let us know if your child will not be coming into school by ringing us on the first day they are absent.

If you move house or out of the area and don't need your place at our school please let us know this too.



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What can you expect from us?

- A safe environment for your child to learn that complies with safeguarding in education legislation and guidance.
- We will take good care of your child whilst they are with us. We will talk to you about anything we see that we are worried about.
- We will keep accurate up to date records.
- If your child transfers to another school we will share important information with them that will help to support your child's move.
- We will respond promptly to any problem you tell us about.
- Our staff will offer support and assistance when needed.

Thank you for taking time to read this and if you require any further clarification or have any questions then please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff – we are here to help.

Further information and relevant safeguarding information can be found in the Policy section of our website at:

www.sparkenhillacademy.com