

What you can do to help keep children safe?



- Talk to your child about internet safety and to never give personal details. such as names, addresses and school information to anyone on the internet.
- Do not come into the school building at the start or end of the day. If you need to speak to the office please walk around and use the main entrance.
- At the end of the day please keep your children close to you. They are your responsibility once you have collected them from the class teacher.
- Be observant. If you notice anything that causes you concern, please let a staff member know in confidence.
- Talk to your children about showing compassion and using kind hands, mouths and feet. Remind them to make good choices with their behaviour so that all children stay and feel safe at school.
- Let the school know if you have any court orders relating to the safety of your child.
- Let the school know if there is a change in your circumstances such as a house move, a new contact number, a change of name, a change of parental responsibility. Ensure we have two emergency contacts on record.
- You must inform the school of any changes to agreed collection arrangements. Please ensure the school know who will be dropping off or collecting your child each day.
- Feel confident to raise concerns about your child.
- Talk to school if you need help or support.
- Read the school policies about safety issues.
- Let the school know if your child has a medical condition.



Useful contact numbers



MASH (Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub) – the “front door” to Children’s Social Care in Bournemouth.

During office hours: (9.00am - 5.00pm Mon – Fri)

Email: childrensfirstresponse@bcpcouncil.gov.uk **Tel:** 01202 123 334

(Out of hours 5pm-9am Weekdays + all day Weekends & Bank Holidays:

Tel: 01202 738256 / childrensOOHS@bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

Remember: If you ever need any advice about anything related to your home circumstances, family life or your own emotional wellbeing our Parent Support Worker, Tanya Shenton is available to chat.



St Clement's and St John's Infant School



Parent & Carer Safeguarding and Child Protection Information Leaflet

stclements@coastalpartnership.co.uk

01202 393570

What is this leaflet for?

At St Clement's and St John's Infant School we have a responsibility for the care, welfare and safety of the children in our school.

We have a Child Protection Policy, which outlines the school's responsibilities and duties in terms of safeguarding. This is in place to ensure children are protected from harm, both at school and outside of school. Within this leaflet we have summarised the key points for you and explain how you can help safeguard all children in our care.

This is a parent/carer friendly summary of the Coastal Learning Partnership Child Protection Policy – the full policy and relevant links can be accessed at:

www.coastalpartnership.co.uk/safeguarding/

What is a Designated Safeguarding Lead?

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) takes the lead on all safeguarding matters within the school. At St Clement's and St John's, this is Mr Bielby (Deputy Head teacher).

There are also Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads within the school, who support with safeguarding concerns. These are: Mr Woodward (Headteacher), Miss Rutherford (Deputy Headteacher) and Mrs Tanya Shenton (Pupil and Family Support Worker).

We listen to our pupils and take seriously what they tell us. All our staff receive safeguarding awareness and children are aware of the adults they can talk to if they have any concerns.

Designated Safeguarding Lead and Child Protection Team



Mr Bielby –
Deputy
Headteacher



Miss Rutherford –
Deputy
Headteacher



Mr Woodward –
Headteacher



Mrs Shenton –
Parent Support
Worker

How do we keep children safe?

We create a safe learning environment and ensure children know who they can talk to if they are upset or worried about anything. We also provide opportunities for children to develop their understanding of risks and keeping themselves safe, through education on internet safety awareness, positive relationships, bullying etc.

We are committed to keeping our pupils safe. Any concerns are reported to a Designated Safeguarding Lead who will then take any action needed to ensure the wellbeing and safety of children.

Our first priority is your child's welfare and we will usually discuss with you any concerns we have about your child. However, there might be rare occasions when we have to provide information to or consult other agencies such as Children's Services Social Care before we contact you.

What puts children at risk?

There are four main forms of abuse. These can be summarised as:

Physical abuse – Causing physical harm to a child, such as hitting, shaking, throwing, inducing illness etc.

Emotional abuse – Maltreatment of a child affecting their emotional development. It may involve conveying to a child that they are worthless, unloved, or inadequate. Some level of emotional abuse is involved in all types of maltreatment of a child.

Sexual abuse – Forcing or enticing a child to take part in sexual activities. This may involve physical contact or non-contact activities such as involving children in looking at sexual images or grooming a child (including via the internet).

Neglect – Inability to meet a child's basic needs, impairing a child's health or development. This may involve a parent/carer failing to provide adequate food and clothing or an inability to protect a child from physical and emotional harm — this includes failing to keep them safe whilst using the internet.

How is information used?

Confidential records are kept of any safeguarding concerns and information is shared on a need-to-know basis. We are notified by the police if they attend any incidents involving domestic abuse in a household where the child attends our school.

We follow procedures laid down by the Pan Dorset Local Safeguarding Board which means on occasions that we have to consult other agencies. We aim to discuss concerns with parent/carers before any referrals are made, unless we believe that such a move may be contrary to a child's welfare.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's learning needs; **Mrs Jo Wilson** is our school SENCO.

She is always happy to meet and talk to you about concerns regarding your child's learning.

