

PARTNERSHIP

We will inform parents and carers of any concerns about their child (unless this compromises the child's safety) and will support them as necessary.

PREVENTION

We will promote an open culture that informs children of their rights and encourages them to share their concerns. Children will also learn about keeping themselves safe as part of the curriculum.

RESPONDING TO CONCERNS

We will refer all allegations or concerns that a child has been abused or neglected or is at risk to Social Services. We will discuss with parents and carers any concerns they have and they will be kept informed about what has happened.

CHILD PROTECTION CONFERENCES

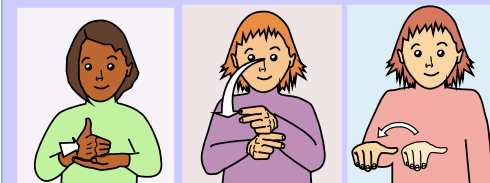
We will attend meetings and provide information about children and families. This information will be shared with parents and carers beforehand. Child protection records are confidential and are kept separately from other school records.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Information about possible child abuse cannot be kept confidential. Information about children on the child protection register will only be given to professionals who need them and will be kept strictly confidential by them.

YOUR LANGUAGE

If you would like this leaflet translated into your home language, please let us know.



Safeguarding Children at Frank Barnes School

Information for Parents and Carers

September 2019



Frank Barnes
School for Deaf Children

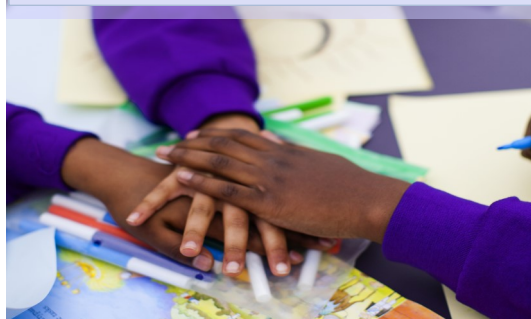
FRANK BARNES COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING

We believe that all pupils should be free from harm at all times. We are committed to playing a full part in response to child protection concerns. We have a legal duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Staff at Frank Barnes have daily contact with pupils which means we have a crucial role in noticing signs of possible abuse and neglect.

Parents and carers should be aware that if it appears that a child may have been abused, the school must report the concern to Social Services immediately.

In order to avoid misunderstandings, parents and carers should inform the school if their child has had an accident that results in cuts, bruises and or fractures.



SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

- Children have a right to be safe, to be listened to, valued and respected
- Parents and carers have a right to be informed of any concerns regarding their child
- Children are best protected when parents and school work together
- All staff and volunteers are given appropriate training and support and are subject to rigorous recruitment checks

SAFEGUARDING IN PRACTICE

In order to ensure children are effectively protected we ensure that:

- There is a Designated Safeguarding Lead, Dani Sive, Headteacher and a deputy, Katherine O'Grady-Deputy Head who are responsible for safeguarding and child protection
- All staff are trained in child protection every year
- The Safeguarding Policy is available in full on the school website and reviewed annually by the governing body

