

GREAT CHART PRIMARY SCHOOL

Child Protection Policy (parent friendly version)

September 2026



A Great Place to Discover and Learn

Vision Statement

A respectful community where we thrive and achieve our full potential as confident life long learners

Mission Statement

Preparing for life in our ever changing world, by providing opportunities to develop core values and a love of learning

Our core value is Respect

Our termly values: Team work, Ambition, Responsibility, Resilience, Kindness & Independence

OVERVIEW:

This Policy reflects the values of Great Chart Primary School in relation to safeguarding. We believe that all pupils should remain safe and free from harm. As such, we are committed to playing a full and active part in the multi-agency response to child protection concerns.

We as a school, have a legal duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and to have a safeguarding policy.

Staff at Great Chart Primary School have day to day contact with pupils, some working directly with families, which means that we have a crucial role to play in noticing when something may not be quite right. If it appears to a member of staff that a child may have been abused or neglected in some form, the school is required to report the concern to Social Care immediately. Carers should inform the school immediately if their child sustains any accidental injuries that result in cuts/bruises/fractures.

PARTNERSHIP:

We will inform parents and carers of any concerns about their child (providing it does not compromise the child's safety) and will help support them as necessary.

PREVENTION:

We will take positive action to prevent children from suffering abuse and neglect through the development of an open culture that informs children of their rights and encourages them to speak about any concerns. Pupils will also learn about keeping themselves safe within the curriculum.

RESPONDING TO CONCERNS:

We will refer all allegations or concerns that a child has been or is likely to be abused or neglected to Social Care within the Children's Services Department. We will consult with other agencies when there are concerns that a child may have been abused or neglected. We will discuss with parents and carers any concerns they have about children. Parents and carers will be kept informed of what has happened.

We have a duty of care to all of the children in our school and so we will follow up any concerns we have.

CHILD ON CHILD ABUSE:

Physical and emotional abuse of children by other children will be dealt with through the school's anti-bullying policy. Parents and carers will be kept informed. All concerns about possible sexual abuse will be referred to the Police and Social Services.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING:

We will ensure all staff are trained to be able to support children effectively. We will also share important information with parents such as support relating to keeping children safe online.

CONFIDENTIALITY:

Information regarding possible child abuse cannot be kept confidential. Information and records about children on the Child Protection Register will be given only to those people who need it and will be kept strictly confidential by them. A Full copy of the school's Child Protection is available from our website.

PRINCIPLES:

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 (providing it does not compromise the child's safety) . Children are best protected when parents and school work together All staff and volunteers are given appropriate training and support. All staff and volunteers are subject to rigorous recruitment checks.

PRINCIPLES INTO PRACTICE:

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

- The Senior Leadership Team are all Designated Safeguarding Leads with responsibility for safeguarding and child protection
- All staff are trained in Child Protection awareness annually
- Child Protection leaflets are offered to visitors at the school office
- The Child Protection Policy is available on the school website
- The Safeguarding Policy is reviewed annually by the Governing Body
- The Governors oversee all matters pertaining to safeguarding policy and practice within the school

WE ARE AN OPERATION ENCOMPASS SCHOOL

We will receive information from the police for any child who is experiencing or witnessing domestic abuse within the home setting. We will follow up any report in a timely and sensitive manner to offer families support.

DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEADERS

Designated Safeguarding Leads



Wendy Pang - Lead DSL



Nicky Ostridge - Deputy DSL



Sarah Cadman - Deputy DSL



Paula High - Deputy DSL



Jo Adams - Deputy DSL



Nicole Bissett - Deputy DSL

All Staff are responsible for keeping children safe but sometimes staff with additional training may be involved.
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Parents Protect

Together we can prevent
child sexual abuse



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