

## Keeping Children Safe

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Thringstone Primary School is committed to creating a happy and safe environment for our children to learn.

This leaflet will help you understand how we keep your children safe by informing you about:

- How children can be harmed
- What we (the school) must do to keep your child safe from harm
- What you (the parent) must do to help your child be safe and enjoy school

### Child Protection

This is an important subject and all staff receive regular training. Our priority is to work with parents and carers, but there may be times when we have to involve other people and agencies.

Harm is identified in four ways:

**Physical** - when a child is deliberately hurt or injured

**Sexual** - when a child is influenced or forced to take part in a sexual activity. This can be a physical or non-physical activity eg made to look at an inappropriate image

**Emotional**—when a child is made to feel frightened, worthless or unloved. It can be shouting, using threats or making fun of someone. It includes children seeing parents or visitors using violence or threats at home.

**Neglect** - when a child is not being taken care of by parents or carers. This can be poor hygiene, diet, not attending school or appointments or being left home alone

## Useful Contacts

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs Cheryl Hammersley - Headteacher



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs Jo Hallam - Deputy Head



Governor with Safeguarding responsibility:

Ms Sarah Baxter - Chair of Governors



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**Primary School**

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Keeping Children  
Safe in Education

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**Information for Parents**

## What School Must Do

A child should be able to go to school and feel safe so they can achieve their very best.

- Anyone who works or volunteers at Thringstone will be checked to make sure they are safe to work with children. Everyone received training on what to do if they have a concern about a child
- The school has a designated safeguarding lead for Safeguarding (DSL). Mrs Ella Roberts, the Headteacher has undertaken extra training to know what to do when a concern is brought to her
- We will always listen to you and work closely with you if we are concerned about your child but sometimes we may not be able to discuss our concern. The school has a safeguarding policy which tells you more about this and when we must speak to social services or the police. There is a copy of the policy and this leaflet on the school's website:  
[www.thringstone.leics.sch.uk/policies](http://www.thringstone.leics.sch.uk/policies)
- We will help your child to learn about keeping themselves safe. Lessons include healthy eating, anti-bullying, e-safety, road safety, healthy relationships, drug and alcohol awareness. As part of these lessons your child will be told what to do if they are worried or concerned about their safety

## What Parents Must Do

Parents are the most important people to keep their children safe. You should always:

- Feel confident to raise concerns about your child
- Talk to the 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
- Let the school know if there are any court orders relating to the safety of the child
- Let the school know if there is a change in your circumstances such as a new contact number, a house move, a change of name, a change of parental responsibility
- Let the school know who will be dropping off and collecting your child and provide at least 2 other emergency contact numbers. You must inform the school of any changes to agreed arrangements
- Let the school know if your child is going to be absent and the reason why



## Safeguarding Issues

**Attendance** - your child's attendance is monitored and significant absences are always followed up. The school's attendance policy is available on the school website

**Positive Behaviour for Learning** - Thringstone has clear behaviour rules for the whole school community that must be followed to keep everyone safe and happy. We understand that things go wrong and sometimes children fall out. Incidents are dealt with by a member of staff who will listen to the children involved and help resolve the situation

**Bullying** - the school takes all cases of bullying very seriously and will work with children and families to try and resolve any problems. The school's anti-bullying policy and leaflets including cyber-bullying can be found on the school website

**Health & Safety** - it is everyone's responsibility at Thringstone to ensure adults and children work and learn in a safe environment. The school has fully trained first aiders to deal with any accidents in school

**Online Safety** - the school recognizes that technology plays an important role in the education of our children and is committed to safeguarding them in the virtual world. To support parents the school has online safety information available to keep children safe both in school and at home

**Complaints** - if you have any complaints about how the school is working with you or your child please feel confident to speak to us. The headteacher will always be happy to speak to you to resolve any difficulties. It is better to speak to us as soon as you have a concern so it doesn't become a bigger issue