

Safeguarding Statement

North Newton Community Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We are fully committed to ensuring that consistent effective safeguarding procedures are in place to support families, children and staff at school. All concerns are passed through the members of staff who are trained as "Designated Child Protection Officers" in school in compliance with the "sharing of information" guidance.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Nick Arnold, Headteacher. He is ably supported by Mrs Alison Crow, Senior Teacher.

If you have any serious concerns about your child or any other pupil at North Newton Community Primary School please do not hesitate to contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead who knows who to contact for the best advice and help and is experienced in using the appropriate degree of confidentiality.

For the best interests of all our children we use the following safeguarding measures:

Cause for Concern

Staff will report any causes for concern to the Designated Safeguarding Lead, or Deputy, as soon as feasibly possible. The matter will be dealt with confidentially and sensitively. An action plan will be agreed for next steps.

Any concerns will be shared with parents as early as possible as more often than not there are extremely reasonable explanations for the concern. Concerns may range from children being visibly upset to persistent lateness to children 'disclosing' concerns.

Attendance

All lateness and absences are recorded. Reasons will be sought for all absence or lateness. Attendance is monitored through these systems and referrals to the Safeguarding Team can be made. Parents will always be informed of concerns around attendance at the earliest point.

If attendance concerns continue the school will refer to the Education Welfare Officer.

If you have any concerns or require any support, please contact:

Nick Arnold or Alison Crow at school - **01278 662140**

You may prefer to email: office@northnewton.somerset.sch.uk

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Further Information may be found in the Child Protection Policy, available on the school website, in the policies section.