

Safeguarding at Llysfaen Primary School

Information for Parents and Carers

Our Commitment

At Llysfaen Primary School, the safety and wellbeing of every child is our top priority. Safeguarding means protecting children from harm, abuse and neglect and making sure they grow up feeling safe, supported, and listened to. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility; school staff, parents, carers and the wider community.

How We Keep Children Safe

A Safe and Supportive Environment

- We work hard to create a positive school culture where children feel valued and confident.
- Children are encouraged to talk to trusted adults if they are worried or unhappy.
- Safeguarding and keeping safe are taught as part of the curriculum, including topics such as:
 - Healthy relationships
 - Online safety
 - Bullying and peer relationships
 - Understanding boundaries and personal safety

Designated Safeguarding Staff

- The school has a Designated Senior Person (DSP) for safeguarding and a Deputy DSP.
- These staff are specially trained to deal with safeguarding concerns and to work with other agencies when needed.
- All school staff and volunteers know who the safeguarding leads are and how to report concerns.

If We Are Worried About a Child

- Any concern about a child's safety is taken seriously and acted on immediately.
- School staff do not investigate concerns themselves. Their role is to listen, record and pass information on to the safeguarding lead.
- If necessary, the school is legally required to share concerns with external agencies such as Children's Services or the Police.

- Parents will usually be informed if a concern is shared, unless doing so could put the child at further risk.

Types of Harm We Are Alert To

Staff are trained to recognise signs of:

- Physical abuse
- Emotional or psychological abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Neglect

We are also vigilant about risks such as:

- Bullying and peer-on-peer abuse
- Online abuse and social media risks
- Domestic abuse
- Child sexual or criminal exploitation
- Radicalisation and extremism
- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
- Children who go missing from education

Listening to Children

If a child tells a member of staff that they are being harmed:

- They will be listened to carefully and taken seriously.
- They will never be promised secrecy.
- What they say will be recorded accurately and shared only with those who need to know to keep them safe.

Support for Children

Children who may be experiencing difficulties or harm are supported through:

- Pastoral care in school
- Adaptations to learning and behaviour support
- Working closely with parents and carers

- Support from other agencies (such as social services or health professionals) where appropriate

Staff and Volunteer Safety Checks

- All staff and volunteers are carefully recruited.
- Enhanced DBS (criminal record) checks are completed where required.
- Regular safeguarding training is mandatory for all staff.
- There are clear procedures for dealing with concerns or allegations about adults working in school.

Confidentiality and Information Sharing

- Safeguarding records are kept securely and confidentially.
- Information is shared only when necessary to protect a child.
- Data protection laws allow information to be shared when a child is at risk.

Attendance and Children Missing Education

- Regular attendance is an important part of safeguarding.
- If a child is absent without explanation, the school will follow up quickly.
- If a child leaves the school, parents are asked to provide as much information as possible about their new school or education arrangements.

Working with Parents and Carers

We value strong partnerships with parents and carers. You can help by:

- Talking to your child about school and wellbeing
- Informing the school of any concerns at home that may affect your child
- Keeping contact details up to date
- Letting us know if your child is leaving the school or moving house

If You Have a Concern

If you are worried about the safety or wellbeing of any child:

- Please contact the school and ask to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead.
- Concerns will always be taken seriously and handled sensitively.

In Summary:

Llysfaen Primary School is committed to keeping children safe, listening to them, supporting families and acting quickly and appropriately whenever a concern is raised. Safeguarding is central to everything we do.