

Support Services

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) deals with referrals from professionals and members of the public who may have concerns about a child's welfare (following contact with the helpline that is now based in the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub).

Telephone: 0300 126 1000

Email: MASH@northamptonshire.gcsx.gov.uk



Any concerns?

If you have concerns about any member of our school community, or you have questions about the information in this leaflet, please speak to Mrs Pardon, Mrs McCulloch or Mrs Rees.

Further Information

Please refer to our Safeguarding Policy which is available on the school website.

www.hartwellschool.com

Additional guidance is available from:



<http://northamptonshirescb.org.uk>



Hartwell Primary School

Safeguarding

A Guide for Parents

Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Jamie Pardon, Headteacher

Deputy Safeguarding Leads



Mrs Sally McCulloch, Deputy Head



Mrs Adele Rees, Inclusion Manager

Nominated Safeguarding Governor

Mr David Henderson

Statutory Requirements

Working Together to Safeguard Children (HM Government 2015) requires all schools to follow the procedures for protecting children from abuse.

Keeping Children Safe in Education (DfE 2016) places several responsibilities on all schools, these include:

- Appointing Designated Safeguarding Leads and providing them with the recognised additional training they need to provide support and guidance to all staff and members of the school community on safeguarding. DSLs are also responsible for liaising with other agencies involved in safeguarding.
- Ensuring all staff are trained in safeguarding and understand their responsibilities in this area.
- Have robust reporting systems that are effective.
- Work with other agencies as needed to ensure children's safety, including the sharing of information where there is a genuine need to do so.
- To guarantee e-safety procedures are in place.
- To provide a safe and secure environment for children to learn in.

Hartwell Primary School will:

- Establish and maintain an environment where children feel secure, are encouraged to talk, and are listened to when they have a worry or concern.
- Include within the PSHE and Computing curriculum opportunities for children to recognise and stay safe from potential risks.
- Establish and maintain an environment where school staff and volunteers feel safe, are encouraged to talk and are listened to when they have concerns about the safety and wellbeing of a child.
- Ensure children know that there are adults in the school whom they can approach if they are worried.
- Record incidents of abuse, in line with statutory requirements, taking advice from MASH as needed.
- **Undertake appropriate discussion with parents prior to involvement of another agency, unless to do so would place the child at further risk of harm.**
- Work in partnership with other agencies to implement Child Protection; Child in Need or Early Help Assessments if and when they are needed.

As parents you can help by:

- Listening carefully to you child and letting us know of any concerns as soon as possible.
- Reinforcing safeguarding and online safety messages at home.
- Role modelling responsible online habits.
- Following the school routines and requirements that support safeguarding.

The Prevent Duty

As a school we also wish to protect children from all forms of radicalisation be it right wing extremism through to Islamic extremism. If you have concerns about any member of our school community in this regard, please raise them in the same way as you would raise any safeguarding issue.

