

Support Services

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

MASH handles referrals from professionals and members of the public who may have concerns about a child's welfare

Telephone: 0300 126 100

[Click here](#) for a Parent's Guide to MASH

NSPCC

The NSPCC provide parents with a wide range of guidance and advice on safeguarding, [click here](#).

NSPCC National Helpline: 0808 800 5000

Further Information

Our Safeguarding Policy is available on our school [website](#).

Additional guidance is also available from the [Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Partnership](#).



Safeguarding

A Guide for Parents and Carers

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Mrs Jamie Pardon, headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL): Mrs Sally McCulloch, deputy headteacher

Nominated Safeguarding Governor: Mrs Margaret Ball

Statutory Requirements

'Working Together to Safeguard Children', 2018 requires all schools to follow the procedures for protecting children from abuse.

'Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE), 2020 places many responsibilities on all schools, these include:

- Appointing Designated Safeguarding Leads and providing them with additional training they need to provide the support and guidance to all staff and member of the school community on 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 sharing information when there is a genuine need to do so
- To ensure online 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 curriculums 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 or wellbeing of a child

- Ensure that adults in the school know who 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 it 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 your 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 prevent children from all forms of radicalisation and extremism. If you have concerns about any member of our school community (child or adult) in this regard, please raise them in the same way that you would raise any safeguarding issue.