





10 things you should know about safeguarding in schools



1	<p>The government's definition of safeguarding in the statutory guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education (2020) is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• protecting children from maltreatment• preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development;• ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care, and• taking action to enable all children to have the best outcome.
2	<p>If you have any safeguarding concerns you must report them to your Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) who will advise you on the appropriate course of action. Ensure there is a written record of the conversation and ask for a progress update to ensure your concerns have been actioned.</p>
3	<p>Ensure you are clear about the procedures for a referral if you have any concerns about a child or young person</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Record ⇒ Report ⇒ Respond</p> <p>Make sure you know who you should be reporting to and the systems in your setting.</p>
4	<p>If you have any concerns about the behaviour of any adult working with children the Designated Officer must be consulted. His name is Adam Hall and you can call him on 01670 623979.</p> <p>All concerns must be reported to the Headteacher and if the concern is about the Headteacher then the Chair of Governors must be informed.</p>

<p>5</p>	<p>All referrals to Children's Services are made to OneCall:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">01670 536400</p> <p>The public can be advised of this number if they call in with safeguarding concerns about children or adults.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>All of the local authority advice for dealing with safeguarding is provided by the Northumberland Strategic Safeguarding Partnership (NSSP) and a range of resources can be found on the webpages here.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>All school staff must read and understand Part One of the DfE statutory guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education (2020). A record should be kept to evidence that the document was made available to all staff and confirming that they have read and understood the document.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>All staff must receive an annual safeguarding update, refreshing their knowledge of both national, local and school information. Regular termly updates can also be provided, using the Safe to Learn bulletin sent to DSLs as a source of relevant information.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Ofsted refers to "an ongoing culture of vigilance" therefore it is important your setting considers how this can be evidenced. They also want reassurance that pupils recognise when they are at risk and know how to get help when they need it.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Northumberland's Virtual School publishes a newsletter every half term for Designated Safeguarding Leads called Safe to Learn. There is also a half termly face to face briefing for DSLs with the Schools' Safeguarding team manager.</p>
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