

## Our Safeguarding Team



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Head Teacher



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Assistant Head Teacher



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All our safeguarding team are  
Designated Safeguarding Lead Trained

*If you require any further information on  
safeguarding, please contact the school  
office.*

## Our Safeguarding Mission Statement

Our school community has built and maintains an environment where children feel safe and secure, are encouraged to talk, and are listened to. We ensure that our children know that they can approach any adult in school if they are feeling worried; and include opportunities in the curriculum for children to develop the skills they require to recognise danger and stay safe in all aspects of life.

Our Safeguarding Policy is available on the School website:  
[www.airedalejuniorschool.co.uk](http://www.airedalejuniorschool.co.uk)  
under the parent tab

To support our work in keeping children safe we work in partnership with charities such as those below. A full list of websites offering support can be found in the safeguarding policy.



**SAMARITANS**



## Parents Safeguarding Information



**Airedale Junior School**  
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## Keeping Children Safe

This leaflet will help you understand how we keep your children safe by telling you:

- How children can be harmed
- What we must do to keep your child safe from harm
- What you must do as a parent to help your child be safe and enjoy school

Child Protection - This is an important subject in which all staff receive regular training. Our priority is to work with you but there may be times when we have to involve other people. Everybody has a responsibility to keep all children under the age of 18 safe.

Harm is identified in four ways:

**Physical** - This is when a child is deliberately hurt or injured.

**Sexual** - This is when a child is influenced or forced to take part in a sexual activity. This can be a physical activity or none physical, e.g. made to look at inappropriate images.

**Emotional** - This is when a child is made to feel frightened, worthless or unloved. It can be by shouting, using threats or making fun of someone. It can also be when children see their parents, or visitors to the home, fighting or using violence.

**Neglect** - This is when a child is not being taken care of fully by their parents. It can be poor hygiene, diet, not keeping appointments for additional support, not coming to school or being left home alone.

## What Parents Must Do

Parents are the most important people to keep their children safe. You should always:

- Feel confident to raise concerns about your child.
- Talk to school if you need help or support.
- Read the school policies about safety issues.
- Let the school know if your child has a medical condition.
- Let the school know if you have any court orders relating to the safety of your child.
- Let the school know if there is a change in your circumstances such as a house move, a new contact number, a change of name or a change of parental responsibility.
- Let school know who will be dropping off or collecting your child and two other emergency contact. You must inform the school of any changes to agreed arrangements.
- Let the school know if your child is going to be absent and the reasons why.

## What School Must Do

A child should be able to go to school and feel safe so that they can achieve their very best.

- Anybody who works at Airedale Junior School is checked by the Police to make sure they are safe to work with children and trained to identify child abuse and what to do if they are concerned.
- We always listen and take all concerns seriously; where ever possible will discuss concerns related to your child with you.
- We will help your child to learn about keeping themselves safe. Lessons may include healthy eating, anti-bullying, online safety, road safety, healthy relationships, drug and alcohol awareness. Your child will be told what to do if they are worried or concerned about their own or anyone else's safety.

## Safeguarding Issues

**Attendance** - Your child's attendance is monitored daily and significant absences are always followed up by EWO.

**Behaviour** - Airedale Junior School has a clear behaviour policy for the whole school community that must be followed to keep everyone safe and happy. We understand that children do sometimes fall out and this will be dealt with by an adult who will listen the children involved and help them resolve the situation.

**Bullying** - The school takes all cases of bullying very seriously and will work with children and families to try and resolve any problems. The school has an anti-bullying policy that you should read and understand.

**Health and Safety** - Everyone at Airedale Junior School has a responsibility to keep adults and children work in a safe environment. The school has a clear health and safety policy which everyone must follow. The school has many fully trained first aiders to deal with any accidents in school.

**E-Safety** - The school recognises that technology plays an important roll in the education of our children and is committed to safeguarding children in the virtual world. To support parents, the school has online safety information to help keep your children safe both in school and at home.

**Complaints** - If you have any complaints about how the school is working with you or your child please feel confident to speak to us. The Head Teacher will always be happy to speak to you to resolve any difficulties. It is better to speak to us as soon as you have a concern so that it does not become a bigger issue. If you do not feel the matter has been resolved, you can raise your concerns with the governing body.