

Children can be abused physically, sexually, emotionally or through neglect. The concerns that you have may make up part of a bigger picture which could help to prevent serious harm to a child. Giving families help at an early stage can prevent abuse and neglect.

This leaflet is the first of 3 levels of training for people who work in Celtic Cross Education Schools, either in a paid capacity or in a voluntary role. If they have not already done so, ask your employer to talk through this leaflet with you and introduce you to the people responsible for safeguarding and child protection in school. If you think you need further training, talk to the Designated Safeguarding Lead named in the leaflet.

**NEVER KEEP CONCERNS  
ABOUT A CHILD'S SAFETY  
TO YOURSELF**

## CONTACTS

South West Child Protection  
Procedures  
[www.proceduresonline.com/swcpp/](http://www.proceduresonline.com/swcpp/)

Our Safeguarding Children  
Partnership  
(OSCP)  
[01872 327225](tel:01872327225)

Emergency Services 999

Devon and Cornwall 101  
Police

Multi-Agency 0300 1231  
Referral Unit 116

Children's Social 01208  
Care out of hours 251300

**Keep this leaflet in a  
safe place, you never  
know when you might  
need it!**



## **CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IN OUR SCHOOL**

### **KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE**

No one wants to hear about children being abused, neglected or being unsafe; issues like this can be difficult to respond to, so....

Remember these three important messages:

- 1 ALL CHILDREN HAVE A RIGHT TO BE SAFE, NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE OR WHAT THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES.
- 2 KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.
- 3 WE ALL NEED TO LISTEN TO CHILDREN, EVEN THOUGH WE MAY NOT ALWAYS BE COMFORTABLE WITH WHAT WE HEAR.

## WHO SHOULD I TALK TO IF I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT A CHILD?

If you have concerns about a child, you **MUST** speak to one of the following people as soon as possible:

01326 572386

Name: Sarah Luff

Role: Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Name: Arvind Hirani

Role: Deputy Designated Safeguarding (DDSL)

### Wider Safeguarding Team

Name: Karen Hurr

Name: Ruth Reynolds

Name: Sarah Swift

Name: Tony Squires

Name: Chris Medlin

If you are unable to contact any of the people above, do not delay but contact one of the numbers at the end of this leaflet.

## REMEMBER

- It doesn't matter if you are a paid worker, a volunteer or a member of the community, you have a responsibility to act if you are worried about a child.
- Each school has a Designated Safeguarding Lead and Deputies responsible for child protection and safeguarding issues; they have received training and will know how to deal with disclosures or incidents.
- It is not your responsibility to investigate child abuse, but you should tell the appropriate person within your organisation. It will be this person's job to decide whether to pass your concerns on. If necessary, they will speak to Children's Social Care or the Police. The Police and Social Workers can then decide whether they need to investigate your concerns.