

How You Can Help

- Please let school know if your child has an accident at home, especially if there is a visible cut or bruise/s
- Attend any meetings school may call to discuss your child
- Tell school of any changes in circumstances at home which might affect your child's behaviour or emotional well being
- Understand that sometimes we may need to speak to other professionals before yourself if we are worried about a child's wellbeing and/or safety
- If your child is ill and you are asked to come and collect them from school please do so as soon as possible.

Complaints/allegations against staff

- Rodney House will ensure that all concerns or accusations made against staff/adults working with our pupils are taken seriously and investigated, following government guidance
- Parents or carers/adults can make a formal complaint by contacting the Head teacher
- All allegations made against a member of staff and volunteers, including contractors or security staff working on site will be dealt with quickly and fairly and in a way that provides effective protection for the child while at the same time providing support for the person against whom the allegation is made
- However, if these are found to be unfounded and malicious accusations against staff, this will be taken very seriously

Sharing information

- Staff will normally share any worries and concerns with parents/carers
- However, you should understand that sometimes we may have a concern that needs to be discussed with other professionals/agencies. We may need to do this before speaking to yourselves
- Remember, our primary concern is your child's well being and safety
- If a child makes a disclosure or abuse is suspected the Designated Person will share this information with Children's Services
- We aim to work together to support and safeguard our pupils

If you are worried about your child or any child in Rodney House School please speak to your child's teacher in the first instance.

**You can also speak to Debbie Morley,
Deputy Head Teacher**

A Guide to our Safeguarding/Child Protection Policy

"Learning through
teamwork and trust"



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Promoting partnerships with parents/carers re. Safeguarding/Child protection

Rodney House school and the Local Authority are committed to safeguarding children and young people.

Safeguarding/child protection is the responsibility of all our staff.

We aim to work in partnership with parents and carers to provide a safe and secure environment where our pupils can grow and learn.

Rodney House School has a duty of care to address any issues of suspected Safeguarding/child protection issues.

Rodney House works alongside partner agencies to ensure that the voice of the disabled child is heard within mainstream settings and appropriate strategies are used to keep them safe.

Rodney House Aims to:

- Create an environment where children, staff and visitors feel safe and secure
- Create a relationship of openness in which children, their parents and staff can share their concerns
- Encourage vigilance amongst staff to the significant needs of the children in our care and the difficulties they have in communicating their needs
- Ensure good communication between staff, parents/carers, and other agencies involved with the children
- Ensure that adults and pupils take responsibility for their actions
- That issues are dealt with consistently and in line with LA and national guidance on stringent safeguarding processes

What school will do:

Rodney House recognises its responsibilities for Safeguarding/Child Protection, therefore we will:

- Follow strict safer recruitment protocols
- Ensure all staff and adults who work with our children undergo an enhanced current police and Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check
- Ensure all staff have received Safeguarding/Child Protection training and therefore know what to do if they have a concern or are worried about a pupil.

- Ensure that there is a Designated Persons for Safeguarding/Child Protection on site
- Ensure the school is safe and secure
- Ensure that appropriate records are kept for Child Protection/Safeguarding incidents within school
- Children's attendance is monitored and recorded from 8.55-9.30 every day
- Attendance phone calls are made to the Rodney House Office by 9.30 each morning. Attendance is monitored and any concerns are passed to the Head Teacher immediately

(there is a separate attendance policy in place.)

- All safeguarding/child protection concerns are passed onto the Designated Senior Person
- All staff are aware of confidentiality but that they must not keep 'secrets'. If a child discloses abuse, or abuse is suspected, this must be passed on to the Designated Person as soon as possible
- Rodney House recognises the importance of multi-agency working and works hard to develop links with other agencies