

THUNDERSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

Thundersley Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

We have a number of policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment, including our Child Protection Policy.

Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies, when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with parents/carers first, unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

We actively support the Government's Prevent Agenda to counter radicalism and extremism.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Miss Emma Dawson (Headteacher).
Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are Mr Steve Mackay (Deputy Headteacher) and Mrs Lorraine Armour (Assistant Headteacher and SENCo).
Our Governors with responsibility for safeguarding in our school are Mrs Lynne Middleton and Mrs Simon English.

The Children and Families Hub can be contacted on 0345 6037627 or out of hours on 0345 6061212 or by email www.essexeffectivesupport.org.uk if you have a concern about a child.

Photographs and Videos

Whilst lots of parents and carers really enjoy seeing photos and videos of their children's school life we are very mindful of our duty of care towards all our pupils. We take the issue of safeguarding very seriously and this includes the use of photographic and video images.

Any photographs or videos taken by parents, carers and relatives at school productions, sports days or other events are for the enjoyment of individual families. They must not be used in any way that could potentially place a child at risk. This would include publishing images in any form of print or on the internet including social networking sites.

At admission, parents complete a questionnaire giving permission for their child to be photographed in a number of situations including on our website, our virtual learning environment (VLE) and in the media.

We make a decision at each individual event as to whether we will allow photographs or images to be taken. This is based on the type of event and the number of children taking part who cannot be photographed. We will always let you know if photography is not permitted.