



Safeguarding Statement

Heene CE (Aided) 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 which can be viewed in the Policies section of our website.

All adults are also expected to read the DfE booklet (particularly part 1):

[Keeping Children Safe in Education](#)

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 his/her parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

We recognise because of their day-to-day contact with children, school staff are ideally placed to observe and report the outward signs of abuse. All staff receive appropriate child protection training which is updated annually. Within school we have an appropriately trained designated safeguarding lead, who takes the lead on all child protection matters. We also have a deputy to provide cover in case of absence. Staff refer any concerns to the designated safeguarding lead. Our designated child protection staff are as follows:

- Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Mrs Jo MacGovern (Headteacher)
- Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Jenny Ferguson (Deputy Headteacher)

We follow the guidance set out in West Sussex Inter-Agency procedures and take full account any changes in local or national guidance.