



Safeguarding at Nether Edge Primary



“Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone’s responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play.... School staff are particularly important as they are in a position to identify concerns early, provide help for children, promote children’s welfare and prevent concerns from escalating. All staff have a responsibility to provide a safe environment in which children can learn. “

Keeping children safe in education 2022

At Nether Edge Primary the safety and wellbeing of all our children and families is paramount. We will always do everything we can to ensure their time at our school is as safe, happy and healthy as possible.

How we teach our children to stay safe

From the very beginning of a child’s journey at Nether Edge, they are taught how to keep themselves and others safe. This is done through a carefully planned and sequenced whole school curriculum. Many topics are covered in our PHSE/RSE work alongside online safety taught through our computing curriculum. However learning about staying safe doesn’t stop in the classroom. Assemblies are well planned to share key messages, visitors such as the police are welcomed into school regularly and playground rules and expectations support children to feel safe and heard when outside.

Early help

We understand that parenting can be tough and that we all need a little help or support at times. Early Help is service which offers a range of support including parenting, health and wellbeing, financial advice and housing. We have a school link worker who can meet with parents and Miss Ahmed to discuss any issues and advise of what next steps would help. This is through MAST (multi agency support teams) and often leads to referrals to other Sheffield services. If you would like an advice session please let a member of staff know. These can usually be arranged quite quickly.

What we do if we have a concern about a child?

Where it is believed that a child is suffering from, or is at risk of, significant harm, staff will follow the procedures set out in the Sheffield Children’s Safeguarding Partnership Procedures document. This includes making an immediate referral to the Sheffield Safeguarding Hub and seeking advice from a social worker. Staff in school build excellent relationships with all children and this makes them best placed to notice more subtle changes in their behaviour. As trusted adults, children may also make a disclosure which school find concerning. In these cases, parents will be invited into school to discuss and a referral to the Safeguarding Hub will be made.

Our Safeguarding team



Miss Sara Ahmed
Safeguarding Lead
Assistant Headteacher



Mrs Michele Nott
Safeguarding Deputy
Headteacher



Mrs Anne Robson
Safeguarding Deputy
Assistant Headteacher



Ms Sajida Afzal
Safeguarding Deputy
Class Teacher

You can talk to any member of this team if you have a concern about a child or family.

What to do if you have a concern about a child

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child that attends Nether Edge Primary, you have a duty to report those concerns. You are not expected to make any judgements as to the type of abuse.

You can report your concerns directly to a member of the safeguarding team. The safeguarding lead and all deputies carry out extensive training and are able to take the necessary action to keep children safe.

If you have a concern outside of school hours, you can report it directly to the **Sheffield Safeguarding Hub** on **0114 2734855**

Further information relating to our safeguarding policies and procedures can be found on our school website.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about how we keep children safe at Nether Edge Primary, please speak to one of the safeguarding team.