

Keeping Children Safe

At school:- Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility.

Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families and carers has a role to play in safeguarding children.

Child abuse is taken to refer to any child under the age of 18 years who, through the actions of adults (with a caring role for that child) or their failure to act, has suffered or is at risk of suffering harm.

Abuse is broadly divided into four categories.

**Physical Injury, Sexual Abuse
Emotional Abuse, Neglect.**

Please refer to the school's safeguarding policy for further information on these and other identified areas of cause for concern and / or harm and where Schools have specific mandatory reporting duties.

For example:-

Extremism and Radicalisation.

Female Genital Mutilation.

Children Missing from Education

Keeping Children Safe Early Help

'Providing early help is more effective in promoting the welfare of children than reacting later'

**(Working Together to Safeguard Children)
2015.**

Early Help relies upon local agencies to work together to :-

Identify children and families who would benefit from early help

Undertake assessment of need for Early Help

Identify and provide early help services to focus on actions to significantly improve the outcomes for the child.

At West Hill, Early Help is supported by:

The Early Help Assessment (EHA) developed by Wandsworth Early Help Team from the Signs of Safety and Well Being process:

Staff work with a parent (s) or child or both together to gather information and build a picture of what is happening for a child or for a family.

Identifying what is going well for the child or family (strengths) and what might be worrying or concerning (concerns) for the child or family.

The assessment helps staff to identify needs, develop an action plan and set goals for the child or family .

The assessment is shared, with the parent's consent where given, to enable other services to work with the child or family and is used as a tool for referral into these services when required.

The actions and outcomes for the child or family are monitored by Team around the Child or Team around the Family meetings.

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In
Education
Everyone's Responsibility
Information for
Parents and Carers
Named Safeguarding Leads:**

**Designated Safeguarding Lead
Lisa Carmen—Head teacher
Anna Healy—Head teacher**

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding
Leads**

**Sarah Feeney— Pastoral Lead
Natalie Caraccio-Deputy head**

**Safeguarding Governor
Nigel Rawson**

**If you are worried about a child you
can call Wandsworth**

**Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub
(MASH)**

020-8871-6622

Or e-mail

mash@wandsworth.gov.uk

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Children have the right to come to school and feel safe so that they can achieve their potential.

Any one who is an employee at West Hill will be subject to enhanced checks to ensure they are safe to work with children.

Staff will be trained to identify children at risk from harm or present as cause for concern.

The school has named safeguarding leads, they have extra training to know what to do when a concern is brought to them.

We will work with you if we are concerned about your child.

Sometimes we may not be able to discuss our concerns. The school safeguarding policy tells you more about when this might happen, when we might have to speak to children's services or the police first.

The policy is available on the website :-

www.westhill.wandsworth.sch.uk

and you can also ask about how else to see a copy of the policy.

The school will help your child to learn about keeping themselves safe across the curriculum. Lessons can include, topics such as healthy eating, anti-bullying, road safety, healthy relationships, drug and alcohol awareness.

As part of these lessons and assemblies your child will be told what to do if they are worried about their safety.

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Parents and carers are the most important people to keep their children safe.

- Ensure your child attends school
- Feel confident to raise concerns about your child with your child's teacher.
- Talk to the school's pastoral team if you need help or support
- Read the school policies about safety issues
- Inform the school if your child has a diagnosed medical condition
- Inform the school if you have any court orders relating to the safety of your child that can be shared
- Inform the school if there is a change in your circumstances like a house move, a new contact number, a change of name, a change of parental responsibility.
- Inform the school about who will be dropping off and collecting your child and provide emergency contact details.
- Inform the school on the day your child is absent and give reasons why.
- Project Tearose is an information sharing agreement between the Metropolitan Police and Wandsworth Borough Schools. Our school has signed up to this agreement. If police have responded to a domestic incident and there are children in the family, the officers working on project Tearose will disclose this incident to the child's school the following morning (Monday to Friday). The actual content of the information shared is kept to the minimum, i.e. outlining the offence, but without specific details.

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Safeguarding Issues

Attendance– Your child's attendance is monitored daily. The school has an attendance policy and works closely with the Borough Education Welfare Service to help and support parents and carers to ensure your child attends regularly

Behaviour– West Hill has a behaviour policy for the whole community that must be followed to keep everyone safe, happy and able to learn.

Anti-Bullying– West Hill has an anti-bullying policy and takes bullying behaviour very seriously and will work with children and families to resolve any problems.

Health and safety– The school has a health and safety policy which everyone must follow. The school have accredited First Aid trained members of staff to deal with any accidents.

Online safety– The school recognises the important role technology plays in children's learning and every day life. At West Hill we are committed to providing children with clear guidance about how to stay safe on line both at school, at home and in the wider community.

Further sources of help and support:

thrive@wandsworth.gov.uk

<https://thrive.wandsworth.gov.uk/kb5/wandsworth/fsd/home.page>

www.wscb.org.uk-wandsworth safeguarding board.

nspcc.org.uk-National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children