

Berkeley Primary School

Safeguarding Newsletter: March 2023

By Miss Helen Earl – Safeguarding Lead



Welcome to our first safeguarding newsletter. Here, you will find information about what we are doing in school to keep children safe, as well as some useful things to follow up at home.



Meet the team...

Every adult in school works to keep children safe. However, some staff have key roles to play and have had special training.



Mrs Cvijetic is the Headteacher - keeping children safe is her most important job.



Miss Earl is an Assistant Headteacher and is the Designated Safeguarding Lead.



Miss Howlett is the Deputy Headteacher and is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.



Mrs Neall and Mrs Allen are Family Support Workers - they work with children and their families to make sure everyone is safe.

Recent news...

Miss Earl and the school council have been working together to create a child friendly safeguarding policy. The school council had some very strong ideas about what they wanted to include and Miss Earl managed to use these to create a short booklet. The school council and Miss Earl hope the children find this useful for understanding how adults keep them safe as well as for understanding some of their own responsibilities for keeping themselves safe. School council reps have now been tasked with presenting the policy to their classes and making sure there are copies available in every classroom! It is also on our website and can be viewed here: [child friendly safeguarding policy 2023](#)





Spotlight on...Prevent

DC Lee Ross, Counter Terrorism Case Officer, Humberside Police, asked us to raise awareness of Prevent amongst staff and the school community.

Prevent is a mechanism that supports and safeguards children and young people who are vulnerable to radicalisation. Anyone can be radicalised: any age, background or religion.

Radicalisation often happens online via mainstream social media or online gaming. Children and young people can easily be "swept up" and "swept along". Primary age children are at risk of being radicalised. It is not just something that happens to teenagers or adults.

Be vigilant about what children and young people are doing online: they might be spending more time online than usual, may be secretive about what they are doing, may start to be obsessive or angry and may begin talking about "a cause".

There are trigger factors that could lead to a child or young person being vulnerable to radicalisation: struggling to fit in, suffering from mental health issues, feeling isolated or lonely. Children and young people may feel drawn to be "part of a group" or to "be accepted and understood".

Act early and get support for children and young people. Prevent does not criminalise them and will not affect their education or career prospects. If you have a concern about your child or any child, speak up and ask for help. Depending on the level of risk, we may work with the child and family in school. We may make a Prevent referral following advice from the police and / or from Children's and Young People's Services. As we tell the children, do not keep your worries a secret!

Do you know...?

We use the term "trusted adult" in school. We have regular circle times as well as lessons where we discuss what a "trusted adult" is and what sorts of things we might talk to them about. We remind children that if they are upset, worried, hurt, confused or scared they should find their "trusted adult" and ask them to talk or help them. Does your child know who their "trusted adult" is? Have a chat with your child tonight...



Useful phone numbers...

Children's and Young People's Services: 01724 296500 (9am to 5pm Monday to Thursday, 9am to 4.30pm Friday), 08081 689667 (free phone), 01724 296555 (answerphone - out of office hours and at weekends).