



An East Sheen Story: Safe in our hands



Our Story

A key function and responsibility of the school is to ensure that our pupils are safe, and are able to achieve well. Safeguarding is the umbrella term for all the actions we take to keep all our pupils safe. This includes making sure that we teach children about healthy relationships, keeping themselves safe and how to ask for help. We deliver this teaching in assemblies and through a well-designed Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE) curriculum, Relationships Education (RSE) policy and online safety curriculum: the latter of which is reviewed annually to keep ahead of the ever-evolving online world.

In addition to teaching children about safeguarding, the school also monitors attendance and behaviour, and all staff are trained in how to show professional curiosity and how to handle disclosures when children or adults share concerns about a pupil's welfare. We always work with families in a supportive way to make sure that support is sought from school and external agencies to ensure the best interests of each child are met.

Our school has a robust safeguarding policy and is audited by the local authority and Ofsted to ensure safeguarding is effective, and you can find our Ofsted report [here](#).

We understand the trust that parents place in us when they send their children to school, and also know that children who feel safe, happy and nurtured are children who succeed. That is why safeguarding is a golden thread that runs through all we do. — *Designated Safeguarding Lead*

What Our Staff Say



'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.' - Lunchtime Supervisor

'We work with individual families to support them through some of the most challenging times in their lives. The support is always about benefitting the whole family, and therefore the child.' - Mental Health Lead

'The ethos of kindness at the school, and the importance of safeguarding for staff and children means we are a school that really looks out for one another.' - Teaching Assistant

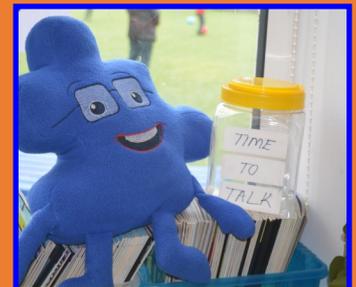
'At this school, staff really care deeply about the children and helping them to feel happy and safe.' - Early Help Practitioner

What Children Say

'The NSPCC assembly was really useful and it reminds us how we can always find help if we need it. We also have the 'Time-to-talk' boxes in our classrooms.' - Year 4 Pupil

'All the grown-ups help us be safe, and they wear blue lanyards to show they can help us.' - Year 1 Pupil

'Our teachers and headteacher talks to us about how we can keep ourselves safe in school, outside school and online, and will always answer our questions helpfully. The street safety workshop was really fun and I can't wait for Junior Citizenship next term.' - Year 6 Pupil



What Are We Doing Next?

This year, we have expanded our safeguarding team: Mr Page, Mrs Jones, Mrs Jensen and Mrs Strang are all highly trained as safeguarding leads, and Mrs Foley and the Mental Health Support Team work to ensure support is available for those children who need it. We also share in our weekly newsletter a QR code linking parents to our online portal of information on how to keep children safe online. We are hosting several parent workshops on a variety of issues this year, including supporting children with emotional dysregulation, bereavement and parental separation. We are inviting parents from local schools to these events too, to share our practice.

What do I do if I have a safeguarding concern?

If you are concerned about a child in our school, or you want to speak to us about something that is worrying you, please do come and speak to one of the safeguarding team. Our pictures are displayed around school and we will be able to offer support, and advice on how to best help you, the family and the child. If you believe a child is in immediate danger, or if you are in immediate danger, ring 999.