



The Cambridge Primary School



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Our Safeguarding Team

Our safeguarding team includes a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Deputy Designated Safeguarding leads (DDSL).

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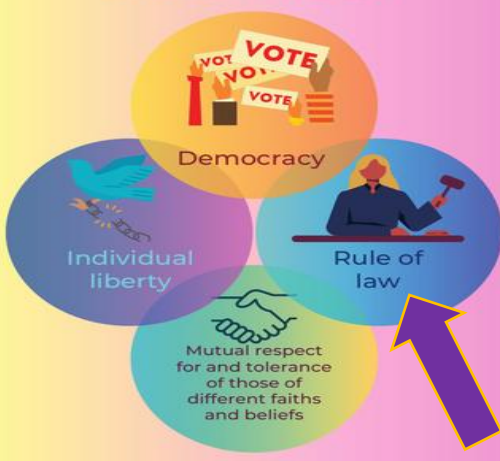
If you have any suggestions for our safeguarding newsletter or would like to know more information about safeguarding, please contact: info@cambridgeschool.hants.sch.uk or speak to one of the safeguarding team.

Worried about a child?

- Contact a member of the DSL Team via the school office info@cambridgeschol.hants.sch.uk
- For general concerns about a child's safety: Hampshire Children's Services at 0300 555 1384 during office hours or 0300 555 1373 out of hours.
- For emergency safeguarding issues, call 999/ 101

British Values Spotlight

WHAT ARE THE FUNDAMENTAL BRITISH VALUES?



We actively promote British values to ensure young people leave school prepared for life in modern Britain.

Spotlight-Rule of Law

At the Cambridge, the children learn about the rule of law as having fair rules to keep everyone safe and happy. They learn:

- Rules Keep Us Safe: Laws are designed to ensure a safe and happy environment, similar to school rules.
- Fairness for Everyone: These laws apply to everyone equally, from children to adults.
- Choices and Consequences: Children learn to understand right from wrong and take responsibility for their actions, learning that breaking rules has consequences.
- Why We Have Them: Laws help ensure fairness, protect individuals from harm, and create a respectful, safe society.

Parent Support

You're Not Alone – We're Here to Help

At The Cambridge Primary School, we know that parenting can be challenging, and sometimes families need extra support. Safeguarding isn't just about keeping children safe at school – it's about working together with you to make sure your child thrives at home and in the community too.

If you're worried about your child, struggling with family pressures, or just need someone to talk to, please reach out. We're here to listen, support, and connect you with the right help.

Our Early Help Offer

Early help means getting support to families as soon as problems start to emerge, or when there's a strong likelihood that problems will emerge in the future. It's about preventing issues from escalating and making sure children and families get the right support at the right time.

We can help with:

- Concerns about your child's behaviour, emotional wellbeing, or mental health
- Worries about attendance or engagement with school
- Support with parenting strategies or managing challenging behaviour at home
- Concerns about your child's development or additional needs
- Family difficulties such as financial pressures, housing issues, or relationship breakdown
- Signposting to local services for health, housing, benefits, or domestic abuse support

How to access early help: If you think early help support could benefit your family, please speak to:

- Child's Class Teacher
- School Office info@cambridgeschool.hants.sch.uk
- Mrs Vaiva - Family Support Advisor fsa@cambridgeschool.hants.sch.uk
- SEND Team – inclusion@cambridgeschool.hants.sch.uk

We'll listen to your concerns, work with you to identify what support might help, and connect you with the right services. This might include support from our school team, or we may refer you to specialist services in the local area with your consent.

Early help is voluntary – it works best when families are involved in deciding what support they need. Everything is confidential, and we'll always work in partnership with you.

[Link to our Early Help Offer](#)

Hampshire Support – Support and Resources for Parents

[The Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership](#) brings together organisations across Hampshire to keep children safe and support families. Their website has a wealth of information and resources to help parents and carers.

[Family Information and Services Hub](#) (FISH) includes links to many different support and advice services including

- Trusted Services of Information and Advice for Parents
- Courses to support parents
- Accessing support from Social Care
- Advice for UK Service Families in Hampshire
- Support for families of children who have SEND
- Gingerbread-single parent support
- Parent Kind-parent webinars

Remember: Asking for Help is a Sign of Strength

Every family faces challenges at some point. Reaching out for support early can make a real difference. We're here to work with you, not judge you, and everything we do is focused on helping your child to be happy, safe, and successful.

If you're unsure whether you need support, please ask anyway. We'd much rather have a conversation and reassure you than miss an opportunity to help.

Assembly Themes

Each week the children have different assemblies. There is a singing, celebration and inspirational people assembly. Additionally, an assembly focuses on values and safeguarding themes. This term, we are talking about:

- Kindness
- Bullying and being an upstander
- Consent and the PANTS rule
- Safe adults
- Revisiting the NSPCC Speak out Stay safe
- Keeping safe when out with friends

Staff Training

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and at The Cambridge Primary School, we're committed to ensuring that every member of staff has the knowledge, skills, and confidence to keep our children safe.

We don't just meet the statutory requirements for safeguarding training – we go further, creating a strong safeguarding culture where staff are constantly learning, reflecting, and staying alert to emerging risks and concerns.

Our Comprehensive Training Programme

All staff, governors and trustees undergo safeguarding and child protection training at induction, which is updated regularly and at least annually. We also keep safeguarding knowledge fresh and relevant throughout the year:

Half-Term 'Hot Topics' Training Sessions

Every half term, we deliver focused training on key safeguarding themes. Recent sessions have included:

Neglect – recognising the signs, understanding thresholds, and knowing when and how to act

Child-on-child abuse – including bullying

Mental health and wellbeing – identifying early warning signs and supporting vulnerable pupils

Prevent duty – understanding radicalisation risks and how to respond with confidence

Online safety – staying up to date with risks children face online

These sessions are tailored to the specific risks and needs of our school community. They give staff the opportunity to discuss real scenarios, ask questions, and share best practice.

Weekly Safeguarding Quiz

Every week, all staff receive a short safeguarding quiz covering a range of themes, from recognising signs of abuse to understanding our safeguarding procedures and local referral pathways.

Why do we do this?

It keeps safeguarding front of mind for all staff, every single week

It reinforces key messages and helps staff retain important information

It allows us to identify any gaps in knowledge and address them quickly

It creates a culture where safeguarding is an ongoing conversation, not just an annual tick-box exercise

Statutory Training Requirements – We've Got It Covered

In addition to our 'hot topics' sessions and weekly quizzes, we ensure all staff meet the statutory training requirements, including:

Building a Strong Safeguarding Culture

Training is just one part of our approach. We've built a culture of vigilance, openness, and support where:

Staff feel confident to raise concerns – no concern is too small, and we encourage staff to speak up

Safeguarding is visible and embedded – it's part of our daily conversations and learning to improve practice

We work in partnership – with all stakeholders to keep children safe

Together, we keep our children safe.

Online Safety

As part of our ongoing safeguarding work, we wanted to share a reminder about children's access to social media, messaging apps and online platforms.

Recently, we have been made aware of concerns linked to platforms such as WhatsApp and Roblox, where children may be contacted by people they do not know, added to large group chats, exposed to inappropriate content, or encouraged to communicate outside of safe, supervised spaces. Many of these apps and platforms are not designed for primary-aged children, and situations can quickly become difficult for children to manage on their own.

We would strongly encourage parents and carers to regularly check which apps your child is using, who they are communicating with, and whether privacy settings are secure. It is also helpful to remind children not to accept unknown contacts, not to join large group chats, not to share images or personal information, and to speak to a trusted adult straight away if anything online worries them.

We would also like to remind families that smartphones are not permitted in school. We understand that some families want reassurance when children are walking to or from school independently. Where this is the case, alternatives such as a basic brick phone or a tracker device can provide a safer way to support communication or location sharing without giving children full access to social media, group chats, internet browsing or app-based messaging.

At school, we will continue to teach pupils how to use technology safely, responsibly and respectfully. Thank you for your support in helping us keep children safe online as well as in school.

Kind regards,
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Computing & Digital Lead