

Action if you have a concern

Staff in school are in a good position to keep a watchful eye on children and their safety and to protect them from harm.

If staff have concerns they have a duty to inform the **Designated Safeguarding Lead for Child Protection who is Mrs Lisa Chilton** or in her absence the **Deputy is Lucy Brannon**. If concerns remain they can exercise their own judgement and, ask for advice.

Advice or referrals is through the Cumbria Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub which covers the whole of Cumbria.

If you are uncertain whether to refer a child you can speak to a duty social worker to discuss your concerns and provide you with advice.

The telephone number of this service is: 0333 240 1727 and anyone with a concern about a child in Cumbria can contact Children's Services on this single number.

Safeguarding information can also be accessed on the CSCP Website
<https://cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk>



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**Child Protection &
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Policy
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Everyone at Grasslot Infant School is committed to protecting children and safeguarding the pupils in our school.

Introduction

Grasslot Infant School recognises the importance of all pupils' Safety & welfare. The purpose of this good practice leaflet is to share with you our excellent safeguarding practice and the responsibility we have to Safeguard all pupils.

At Grasslot Infant School the health, safety and well-being of all our children are of paramount importance to all the adults who work here.

Our children have the right to protection, regardless of age, gender, race, culture or disability.

They have a right to be safe in our school; this is enhanced by the adoption of the whole school Anti-Bullying Policy.

Grasslot Infant School regards Child Protection / Safeguarding as an essential task of **all** its staff, governors and visitors/volunteers who come into school. We are committed to protecting children and safeguarding pupils in school.

We strive to maintain an ethos where **children feel secure** and know adults in school can be approached if they are worried or in difficulty.

We are also committed to establishing a safe physical environment in which children can learn and develop both personally and academically and achieve success

Aims

At Grasslot Infant School we **aim** to:

- Establish and maintain an ethos where **children feel secure** and are listened to within an open and positive school atmosphere
- Ensure that children have an identified adult in school who they can approach if they are worried or in difficulty.
- Plan opportunities and activities into the curriculum for personal, social, health and citizenship development which equip children with the skills they need to stay safe.
- Will make any referrals necessary to ensure the well being of a pupil is safeguarded
- Ensure that the school is always a safe environment
- Ensure that children's identities and images are protected with regard to published information on the school, particularly on web sites and in the media

“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. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all practitioners should make sure their approach is child centred. This means that they should consider, at all times, what is in the best interest of the child”.

Keeping Children Safe in Education

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At Grasslot School we use the Kidsafe programme which is an age appropriate programme that teaches children to keep themselves safe. Mrs Holliday is an accredited trainer for Kidsafe UK.



Useful Links

Young Minds — www.youngminds.org.uk/
Telephone 08088025544

ChildLine — www.childline.org.uk/ Telephone 08001111

NSPCC — Whistleblowing Advice Line call: 0800 028 0285 or email: help@nspcc.org.uk