



## Child Protection

We have a dedicated team in school with responsibility for Child Protection. Mrs Mitchinson is the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mr Dave Card is the Designated Governor. Any concerns about a child's welfare, health or safety should be reported as soon as possible. Concerns are treated with the utmost sensitivity and using the information, we can establish any risks that may place a child or family in danger.

**If you have a concern that a child is vulnerable or at risk of significant harm please contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub in York on 01904 551900 or email [MASH@york.gov.uk](mailto:MASH@york.gov.uk)**

In school we have posters directing children to the NSPCC and Childline. We ask parents to be vigilant of the behavior of adults and children in the community – alerting us to any suspicious or risky behaviours.

**Child Protection is everyone's responsibility**

## Working in partnership

**Medicine administration** – on a voluntary basis the school will, within resources available, endeavor to supervise pupils in the administration of medicines. This is conditional to parents requesting and completing a '**Medicine administration form**'.

All staff are first aid trained with additional training on the use of epi-pens and inhalers. Staff are also trained for specific medical support on an individual basis as and when required.

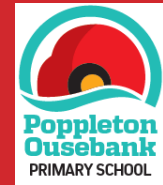
**School uniform** – please remember, no flip flops, high heels or crocs; all long hair is tied back; only one pair of studs are permitted and these must be removed by the child for P.E.

**School absence** – school must be informed before 9.00am of a child's absence from school.

**Dedicated professionals** – please be respectful of all staff. Treat others as you would like to be treated – it's a team effort.

If you have any concerns about members of school staff, please contact Mrs O'Hara or the Acting Chair of Governors (Mrs Alex Johnson)

## Keeping our children safe.



The safeguarding of our children is everyone's responsibility. For this reason, it is paramount that as a school community, we work together to keep children safe. This booklet has been written to share the ways in which we keep children safe in school, to highlight the ways in which we can work collaboratively and also to sign-post you to the right people, should you need to share concerns.

## Safe in school

**Safer recruiting** – We follow strict procedures to ensure that everyone who works with our children is vetted, keeping our children as safe as possible. All staff, governors and long term volunteers are required to complete a DBS check. POPS also has a 'Whistle blowing policy'.

**e-safety** – as part of their education and PSHCE work, children learn how to keep themselves safe online and the dangers of the internet and use of mobile phones. Children are taught to tell someone if they feel threatened or bullied.

Please read our 'e-Safety guidance for parents with children at POPS.'

**Anti-bullying** – our children understand what bullying is and know that it isn't tolerated in school. Children are asked to help each other, protect and tell, if someone is being unkind. This work is embedded within our curriculum, making links with diversity, equality and rights.

**Making good choices** – through our curriculum, children are taught to make 'good choices' to keep themselves safe. Themes include road safety, safety on the railway and stranger danger.



## A safe learning environment

School access, cycles and dogs, climbing frames, nut free policy, no smoking, animal friendly, curriculum experiences.

The school has clear boundary fences and gates that provide a safe space for the children to play and learn. At 9.00am each morning, the school gates are locked. Pupils arriving after this time will need to enter the school by the back door adjoining the visitor and staff car park. Parents collecting pupils from school for appointments or due to ill health should also enter via the back door. In this way, access to the classrooms and the playground is secure throughout the day.

Whilst the school encourages children to cycle and scooter to and from school, we ask that pupils wear protective helmets and that they dismount before entering school premises. Riding bikes or scooters on school ground is not permitted.

Dogs are not permitted on school grounds. We ask that they are left at home rather than tying them to a fence as this can cause distress to both pupils and dogs.

Children are not permitted to climb on play equipment or use balls before or after school to reduce accidents and injuries due to the number of people in the vicinity.

We are a 'nut free school' – a number of our children have severe allergies to nuts and so nuts are not permitted as snacks, as peanut butter or in biscuits.

We have a no smoking policy and this applies to our building and playgrounds/fields.

As an animal friendly school, we encourage our children to learn how to take care of small animals. Children learn the importance of hygiene and the best way to interact with them. Children are not permitted within the goat enclosure unsupervised.

All school trips are risk assessed and have to be authorised by the school Headteacher. Other risk assessments are carried out for sporting events, sleepovers and science activities to name a few.