Safeguarding

information for visitors 2022-23



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We hope you enjoy your visit to our school. Please read the following information and ask at Reception if you have any queries.

Headmaster: Mr Graham Spawforth
Head of Juniors: Mrs Pippa Probert
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Where every child is known and valued
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Our principles

- Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone. We all have a role to play in the safeguarding of children and our approach must be child centred. We must always act in the best interests of the child.



- Children have a right to feel secure and cannot learn effectively unless they do so.

- All children, regardless of age, gender, race, ability, sexuality, religion, culture or language have a right to be protected from harm.

- All staff and those working with children have a key role in the prevention of harm and an equal responsibility to act on any suspicions or disclosure that may indicate a child is at risk of harm in accordance with the guidance.



- We acknowledge that working in partnership with other agencies protects children and reduces risks and so we will engage in partnership working throughout the child protection process to safeguard children.



- Whilst the school will work openly with parents as far as possible, the school reserves the right to contact Children's Social Care or the Police, without notifying parents if this is in the child's best interests.

- The school does not use or condone the use of corporal punishment under any circumstances.

Definitions

The term ***Staff*** applies to all those working for or on behalf of the school, full time or part time, in either a paid or voluntary capacity. This also includes parents and Governors.



Child refers to all young people who have not yet reached their 18th birthday, including those in the EYFS. On the whole, this will apply to pupils of our school; however the policy will extend to visiting children and students from other establishments.

Parent refers to birth parents and other adults in a parenting role for example adoptive parents, step parents and foster carers.

Abuse could mean neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse or any combination of these which include: female genital mutilation (FGM), domestic violence, Child Sexual Exploitation and radicalisation.

Parents, carers and other people can harm children either by direct acts and/or failure to provide proper care.

Detailed explanations of these labels may be found in our Safeguarding Policy which is available on our website - www.ditchampark.com





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Your visit

Please sign in at Reception and provide photographic ID which we will copy and file as a record of your visit.



Please wear your visitor lanyard at all times so that you can be easily identified by staff and children.

You should not find yourself alone with pupils unless you have had all the relevant safeguarding checks completed and approved by the school and you have been given permission to move through the school unattended.

If you need to report any concerns please speak to Mrs Probert or Ms Senior. If they are unavailable, please ask at Reception and they will identify an appropriate person to assist you.

When you leave the building you must sign out at Reception and hand in your lanyard. If Reception is closed, please leave your lanyard on the desk and log out on the screen.

Anybody can make a referral to external agencies. If you have any concerns about a child you could contact any of the following:

- Children's Services/MASH (Hants): 0300 5551384
- Out of Hours Social Care: 0300 5551373
- Police: 999 or 101
- Local Authority Designated Officer: 01962 876364



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