

## Safeguarding Statement

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. We expect all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this common commitment. This leaflet contains information about our expectations of you whilst visiting the school. If you are unclear about anything in it please speak to any of the contacts named within.

If you are concerned about the safety of any child in our school, you must report this to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

If you are concerned about the conduct of a member of staff or volunteer in our school, you must contact the Headteacher.

If you are concerned about the conduct of the Headteacher, you must contact the Chair of Governors, Mr Stephen Turns.

**For more information about our safeguarding procedures, please look on the Safeguarding page of our website:**  
[www.seaview.durham.sch.uk](http://www.seaview.durham.sch.uk)

All staff and Governors at Seaview Primary School fully recognise that they have a duty to ensure arrangements are in place for safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of children. We adhere to the Local Authority's Safeguarding Children Procedures and Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE)

### **Headteacher**

Mrs Lexi Wilkinson

### **Designated Safeguarding Lead**

Mrs Lexi Wilkinson

### **Deputy Safeguarding Leads**

Mr Paul Gingell

Mr John Fletcher

Mrs Stephanie Doran

Mrs Alexa Johnson

Miss Ciara McIvor

### **Governor with Safeguarding Responsibility**

Mrs Catherine Metcalf

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**Safeguarding  
Advice  
for  
Visitors**

## Visitor Procedures

- Visitors must sign in at the Main Office.
- Visitor badges must be worn at all times whilst on the school site.
- Visitors should remain under the supervision of a designated member of staff whilst on site.
- All visitors must sign out at the main office and return their visitor pass before leaving the site.

## Photographs

- The use of personal phones by anyone is not permitted unless there is an emergency.

## In Case of Fire

In the unlikely event of the fire alarm sounding, please evacuate the school and proceed to the assembly point on the school field.

Please exit by the nearest doors as directed by a member of school staff.

# Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Child abuse can happen to any child. At Seaview Primary, we maintain the attitude that 'it could happen here'.

## **If a child discloses they might be subject to abuse:**

- React calmly and reassure the child that they are doing the right thing.
- Listen carefully to the child, particularly what is said spontaneously.
- Do not promise confidentiality. Explain to the child that you must pass on the information if you are worried about their safety.
- Do not ask leading questions or make judgements. Keep questions to a minimum.
- Record carefully what the child says in their own words including how and when the account was given. This information will need to be passed on to one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads. If you feel that a child may be at risk of harm but are not sure, then inform one of the Safeguarding Leads immediately. They will offer advice and take appropri-

## Types of harm

We all have a responsibility to keep children safe, both at home and in school.

Harm is identified in four ways:

- Physical - when a child is deliberately hurt or injured.
- Sexual - when a child is influenced or forced to take part in a sexual activity. This can be a physical activity of non-physical, e.g. being made to look at an inappropriate image.
- Emotional - when a child is made to feel frightened, worthless or unloved. It can be by shouting, using threats or making fun of someone. It can also be when children see their parents, or visitors to the home, fighting or using violence.
- Neglect - when a child is not being taken care of by their parents/ guardians. This can be poor hygiene, poor diet, not keeping appointments for additional support, not coming to school or being left home alone.

**Remember... if in doubt, seek advice from the Designated Safeguarding Leads.**