JUDGEMEADOW
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Lionheart Educational Trust

# KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN EDUCATION: INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

**We ensure children learn in a safe, caring and enriching environment. Children are taught how to keep themselves safe, to develop positive and healthy relationships, and how to avoid situations where they might be at risk including by being exploited.**

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# INTRODUCTION

Judgemeadow is committed to creating a happy and safe environment for our children to learn.

This leaflet will help you understand how we keep children safe by telling you:

- How children can be harmed
- What we must do to keep children safe from harm
- What you must do as a member of staff/parent/carer/visitor to ensure the safety of students.

## Safeguarding and Child Protection

‘Safeguarding is everybody’s business’

Child Protection is an important subject in which all staff receive regular training. Everybody has a responsibility to keep all children under the age of 18 safe and our staff take the attitude of ‘it could happen here ’.

Judgemeadow has a statutory responsibility to share any concerns it may have about a child in need of protection with other agencies and in particular police, health and children ’s services. Schools are not able to investigate concerns but have a legal duty to refer them. In most instances, the school will be able to inform the parents/carer of its need to make a referral.

# TYPES OF ABUSE / HARM

## Abuse/Harm is identified in four ways

- Physical: is when a child is deliberately hurt or injured

- Sexual: Is when a child is influenced or forced to take part in a sexual activity. This can be a physical activity or none physical, e.g. being made to look at a inappropriate image.

- Emotional: Is 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/carers, or visitors to the home, fighting or using violence

- Neglect: Is when a child is not being taken care of by their parents/carers. It can be poor hygiene, poor diet , not keepin appointments for additional support, not coming to school or being left home alone

*Please ensure that you are familiar with our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy which is available through our website and on request. This leaflet is intended to support our safeguarding policy, not replace it.*

*In addition you are required to read Keeping Children Safe In Education (KCSIE) Part One and Annex A*

# WHAT PARENTS/CARERS MUST DO

A child should be able to go to school and feel safe so that they can achieve their very best. Judgemeadow will ensure:

Anybody who works or volunteers at our school will have had the appropriate checks carried out to ensure that they are safe to work with children and then provided training to identify child abuse and what to do if they are concerned

- **The school has a Designated Safeguarding Lead, Jon Hunt**, who has had extra training to know what to do when a concern is brought to him,
- That we always listen to you and work closely with you if we are concerned about your child but, sometimes, we may not be able to discuss our concern. The school has a safeguarding policy which tells you more about this and when we must speak to the police or children 's services. Please see the website for details
- We will help your child to learn about keeping themselves safe. Lessons can include healthy eating, anti -bullying, e -safety, road safety, healthy relationships, drug and alcohol awareness
- As part of these lessons, your child will be told what to do if they are worried or concerned about their safety

**Parents/carers are the most important people to keep their children safe. You should always:**

- Feel confident to raise concerns about your child
- Feel confident to raise concerns about the conduct of a staff member/ teacher
- Talk to school if you need help or support
- Read the school policies about safety issues available on request and on the school 's website
- Let the school know if your child has a medical condition
- Let the school know if you have any court orders relating to the safety of your child
- Let the school know if there is a change in your circumstances such as a house move, a new contact number, a change of name, a change of parental responsibility
- Inform the school of who will be dropping off or collecting your child and two other emergency contacts. You must inform the school of any changes to agreed arrangements
- Let the school know if your child is going to be absent and the reasons why

# SAFEGUARDING ISSUES

**Attendance** - Your child's attendance is monitored daily and significant absences are always followed up by the attendance officer. The school has an attendance policy that you should read and understand and at times, you may be asked to produce travel documents if you are taking your child out of school during term time or for other long periods of time.

**Behaviour** - Judgemeadow has clear behaviour rules for the whole school community that must be followed to keep everyone safe and happy. We understand that children do sometimes fall out and this will be dealt with by an adult who will listen to the children involved and help resolve the situation.

**Bullying** - The school takes all cases of bullying very seriously and will work with children and families to try and resolve any problems. The school has an anti-bullying policy that you should read and understand.

**Health and Safety** - Everyone at Judgemeadow has a responsibility to keep adults and children safe within the school environment. The school has a clear health and safety policy which everyone must follow. The school have fully trained first aiders to deal with any accidents in school.

**E-safety** - The school recognises that technology plays an important role in the education of our children and is committed to safeguarding children in the virtual world. The school has e - safety information to help keep children safe both at home and in school, which is available on our schools website and on request. The school has a filtering and monitoring system, Lightspeed, in use whilst students and staff are logged in through the Lionheart Trust IT systems.

**Complaints** - If you have any complaints about how the school is working with you or your child please feel confident to speak to us. The Principal will always be happy to speak to you to resolve any difficulties. It is better to speak to us as soon as you have a concern so that it does not become a bigger issue.

# USEFUL CONTACTS

Associate Principal: Alex Grainge
Vice Principal: Jon Hunt
**Email: SafeguardingTeam@judgemeadow.org.uk**

## SAFEGUARDING TEAM LEADER & DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD

**Jon Hunt**
Vice Principal



## DEPUTY DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEADS



**Alex Grainge**
Associate Principal



**Hazel Taylor**
AHOY Year 7



**Vikesh Patel**
AHOY Year 8



**Louise Goodwin**
AHOY Year 9



**Jodie Rimmington**
AHOY Year 10



**Lauren Kilgannon**
AHOY Year 11



**Andrew Baines**
Head of Yea r7



**Shabir Aboobaker**
Head of Year 9



**Mia Elkington**
Head of Year 10



**Suleman Mulla**
Head of Year 11



**Fatima Patel**
Inclusion Lead



**Robyn Mansfield**
PP Champion



**Robert Howell**
Assistant Principal



**Huzayfah Sarang**
Science Teacher



**Heather Foster**
First Aider



**Yasmin Sarang**
Home Liaison

**Chair of Governors: Rishma Dattani**
**NSPCC Childline: 0800 111 or 0800 800 5000**
**L.A.D.O. (Local Authority Designated Officer): 0116 454 2440**