



Safeguarding Information

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Introduction

Abbey School and Nursery are committed to safeguard all children. The Safeguarding Team are here to support all children and families of Abbey School and Nursery. If you are worried about your own or another child please do not hesitate to contact us.

This is a summary of our Safeguarding Policy for families. A full copy of our current policy can be found on our website or clicking the image. Large print or audio versions are also available on request, just ask the school office.



Principles

- Children have the right to be listened to, valued and respected
- Families have the right to be informed of any concerns regarding their child
- Children are best protected when parents work in partnership with school or nursery.
- All staff and volunteers are given appropriate training and are subject to recruitment checks.

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Meet the team



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Early Help - What is it?

During your child's time at Abbey School and Nursery, staff will work in partnership with you to provide pastoral care and support your child's well-being. We understand that families need different levels of support at varying times and this can be impacted by life events. At times, children and their families may benefit from additional support in which case, staff may suggest an **Early Help referral**. This is a **voluntary** and **collaborative** process for families and is designed to bring together different agencies to provide optimised support, a holistic approach and a team around the child.

Learn More

You can find out more about Early Help Torbay by clicking on the logo.



Child Protection

School and Nursery staff have a crucial role to notice indicators of possible abuse (physical, sexual, emotional) and neglect. Staff are legally required to report such concerns to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH).

Unless they believe that a child will be put at risk of further harm, they would normally inform you of their decision to do so and seek consent for the referral.

If staff are concerned about an immediate and serious risk including Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) they will contact the police.

Torbay MASH has been developed in line with and supported by Torbay Council, Torbay Safeguarding Children Partnership, Devon and Cornwall Police, NHS England, Torbay Safeguarding Adults Board and Torbay Probation.

Online Safety

We promote online safety through our PSHE and Computing curriculum. KS2 pupils and parents sign an 'acceptable use policy,' which outlines our rules and expectations of using technology and internet in school. Infant and Nursery children are always supervised and guided when using technology and internet.

We are always happy to support families with online safety at home. Please do get in touch if you would appreciate some additional support (for example, setting up parental controls on devices)

[Click here to view our e-safety policy.](#)

Keeping children safe is our priority. All staff undergo relevant annual training in online safety. We work in partnership with families to promote children's welfare and support them to be responsible in their approach to online safety.



Online Safety Lead

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The National Crime Agency's CEOP Education team aim to help protect children and young people from online child sexual abuse.

Useful Websites for online safety

NSPCC - Online Safety

National Online Safety for Parents & Carers

UK Safer Internet Centre for Parents & Carers

Safer Recruitment and Staff Development

Abbey School and Nursery follow statutory Safer Recruitment procedures and all staff and volunteers are subject to robust checks. All staff and volunteers are DBS checked and references received before beginning employment. Visitors to the school who do not hold a DBS check are supervised at all times

Designated and Deputy Designated (DSL and dDSLs) have formal Level 3 Safeguarding Training every 2 years. All other staff complete formal safeguarding training every 3 years. Any safeguarding updates are delivered as in-house training on at least an annual basis.

In the case where a child makes an allegation against an adult working in the school, the HeadTeacher must be informed and would contact the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO). If the child makes an allegation against the HeadTeacher the LADO would be contacted.

Child-on-Child Abuse

Children are encouraged to talk to trusted adults both in and out of school if anything is worrying them or making them feel unsafe. Positive and respectful relationships between pupils are promoted through our PSHE curriculum and school values. We understand that children will make mistakes and need support to build respectful relationships and caring friendships with peers.

Physical and emotional abuse of children by other children will be dealt with using our anti-bullying and behaviour policies. Parents will be kept informed of incidents and all incidents are recorded in line with our safeguarding procedures. Concerns about sexual abuse will usually be referred to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) and in extreme instances, may also be reported to the police. We recognise that sexualised behaviour in children is often an indicator of sexual abuse and will treat both children affected as victims in need of care, support and safeguarding.

To find out more about Torbay Safeguarding, you can click the link below.

Torbay  Safeguarding Children Partnership

Please note; if you are a family living outside of Torbay, we will support you under Devon services.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility