



Bentham Community Primary School

Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) Declaration

Policy Status

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Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE)

Bentham Community Primary School is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and expects all staff, governors, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.

The school complies with the statutory guidance issued by the Department for Education:

Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE)

Our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy has been written in accordance with this guidance and reflects the safeguarding responsibilities placed upon schools.

Staff Responsibilities

All members of staff, including temporary staff, volunteers, governors and contractors, are required to:

- read and understand **Part One** (or **Annexe A**, where appropriate) of the current edition of *Keeping Children Safe in Education*;
- understand their individual safeguarding responsibilities;
- recognise the signs and indicators of abuse, neglect and exploitation;
- know how to report concerns promptly;
- undertake safeguarding training and receive regular safeguarding updates;
- follow the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy at all times.

The Governing Board ensures that safeguarding training is appropriate, regularly updated and compliant with statutory requirements.

Safeguarding Leadership

The school has appropriately trained safeguarding leaders who provide advice, guidance and support to staff regarding child protection concerns.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads receive training in accordance with statutory guidance and undertake refresher training as required.

Current safeguarding contacts are published within the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and displayed throughout the school.

Safer Recruitment

Bentham Community Primary School follows safer recruitment procedures in line with:

- Keeping Children Safe in Education;
- the School Staffing (England) Regulations;
- relevant employment legislation.

Appropriate pre-employment checks are undertaken for all staff, governors, volunteers and contractors where required.

The school maintains a compliant Single Central Record.

Curriculum

Safeguarding is embedded throughout the curriculum.

Through age-appropriate learning, pupils are taught how to:

- stay safe;
- recognise risks;
- seek help from trusted adults;
- keep themselves safe online;
- develop healthy and respectful relationships;
- understand their rights and responsibilities.

These themes are delivered through PSHE, Relationships Education, Computing, assemblies and wider curriculum opportunities.

Governor Oversight

The Governing Board ensures that:

- safeguarding remains a strategic priority;
- statutory guidance is implemented effectively;
- safeguarding policies are reviewed annually;
- safeguarding procedures are monitored;
- appropriate resources are available to maintain effective safeguarding arrangements.

The nominated safeguarding governor provides challenge and support to ensure the school's safeguarding arrangements remain effective.

Access to Statutory Guidance

The current edition of **Keeping Children Safe in Education** is available on the Department for Education website.

All staff are expected to familiarise themselves with the latest version and any updates issued during the academic year.

Review

This declaration will be reviewed annually following publication of the latest edition of **Keeping Children Safe in Education**, or sooner if statutory guidance changes.