



Comber Grove Primary School Safeguarding and Wellbeing News Autumn Term 2022



Keeping Children Safe in Education- September 2022

Keeping Children Safe In Education is a statutory Department for Education document which all schools must follow when carrying out their duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development
- Ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Designated Safeguarding Leads straight away.

Mr Lorrain Black
(Headteacher)

Miss Joanne Fielding
(Deputy Headteacher)

Miss Paula Trent
(Family Support Worker)

Mrs Judene Anchebe
(SENDCo)

Miss Clare Rowe
(HLTA-MHFA)

They can be contacted via the school office, or by telephone on:
020 7771 6121

What is a Designated Safeguarding Lead?

These trained senior members of staff take the lead responsibility for child protection.

Key aspects of the 'Designated Safeguarding Lead' role include:

- ✓ Making sure all staff are aware how to raise safeguarding concerns
- ✓ Ensuring all staff understand the symptoms of child abuse and neglect
- ✓ Referring any concerns to social care
- ✓ Monitoring children who are the subject of child protection plans
- ✓ Maintaining accurate and secure child protection records
- ✓ Raising awareness of the school's safeguarding policies and procedures, and ensuring they are implemented and reviewed regularly

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

Mr Lorrain Black, Miss Joanne Fielding, Mrs Judene Anchebe, Miss Paula Trent and Miss Clare Rowe.



Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility

For a copy of our school's Child Protection and Safeguarding 2022 Policy, please visit the 'Policies' section on our school website.



Report any concerns

If you suspect a child is being abused or is in danger of being abused please contact a Designated Safeguarding Lead, or any member of staff. You can also contact the Southwark Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on **020 7525 5000** (out of hours).

If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police immediately on 999.

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Sexual Violence and Harassment in Schools- (June 2021)

In June 2021, OFSTED completed an investigation into sexual harassment in schools and colleges. After speaking to over 900 pupils of all ages, the review revealed how prevalent sexual harassment and online sexual abuse are for children and young people. The report said that for some children, incidents are so commonplace that they see no point in reporting them. Girls told OFSTED that sexual harassment and online sexual abuse, such as being sent unsolicited explicit sexual material and being pressured to send nude pictures ('nudes'), are much more prevalent than adults realise. For example, nearly 90% of girls, and nearly 50% of boys, said being sent explicit pictures or videos of things they did not want to see happens a lot or sometimes to them or their peers.

What is sexual harassment?

Sexual harassment in general is any unwanted sexual attention that can cause physical, emotional, mental, psychological or economic harm to the victim. It can happen both online or offline.

Does this happen in primary schools?

Boys and girls mix in every social environment, at every age and many children will never experience sexism, harassment or abuse based on gender. It is important that we teach all children (both boys and girls), of all ages, what is acceptable interaction and what is not, and then what they must do if any unwanted attention happens to them. The report recommended that school leaders should create a culture where sexual harassment and online sexual abuse are not tolerated, and where they identify issues and intervene early to better protect children and young people.

What do we do at Comber Grove Primary School?

At Comber Grove Primary School, we encourage children to be open about their experiences so that they know it is always safe to disclose concerns to a trusted adult. We aim to create an environment that teaches boys and girls how to behave respectfully towards each other, and how to respect personal and physical boundaries. Through our Jigsaw lessons, we ensure the children develop an age-appropriate awareness of this theme, including understanding how to show respect to themselves and others. If children understand their own bodies, the terminology to use and why certain words are not appropriate, they will speak more knowledgeably and respectfully to each other.

Safeguarding Curriculum

We believe that one of the best ways to safeguard children, is through equipping them with the knowledge and skills for how they can keep themselves safe. Safeguarding themes are threaded through our curriculum and the enrichment opportunities we offer in school.

Some examples include:

- Our 'Jigsaw' scheme which is delivered from Nursery to Year 6
- Online safety discussions in computing lessons
- Links with the NSPCC (assemblies etc.)
- Involvement in Anti-Bullying week
- Themed safety events (e.g. Cycle Confidence)

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