

Safeguarding Statement

At Somerset Bridge all our staff take their safeguarding responsibilities very seriously in the expectation that our children feel that school is a safe place for them. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of the children who learn with us. We expect all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment through a “culture of vigilance” across the school.

Our curriculum ensures we promote young people’s safety and well-being in terms of relationships, drugs and alcohol misuse, personal safety, e-safety and exploitation. We have anti-bullying week every November and always encourage children to speak to a trusted adult if they have a problem they wish to discuss. We expect our staff to listen to and value the worries, opinions and ideas of all our children.

We ensure that everyone working in the school has successfully completed the necessary Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and List 99 checks before being employed by us. We have a senior staff member who is specifically trained and nominated as the Designated Safeguarding Lead within the School. This person is Mrs Kelly Evans, Deputy Head.

We hope parents/carers feel that we share any concerns we may have about their children with them, at the first opportunity and we encourage you to do the same with us. Part of our legal duty to safeguard your children may also include us needing to consult with and take advice from other agencies, such as the Police, or Children’s Social Care, should the need arise.

By working together with families and our partner agencies, maintaining the highest level of awareness about possible unsafe practices and dealing with any issues immediately and appropriately, we firmly believe that we will continue to offer a safe learning environment for all our children.