## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AT MARYPORT CHURCH OF ENGLAND JUNIOR SCHOOL



An information leaflet for Parents, Carers and visitors

The safety and welfare of children is everyone's business

Maryport Church of England Junior School places a high level of importance on the welfare, protection and safeguarding of all its pupils.

At Maryport Church of England Junior School:

We work to establish and maintain an ethos where children feel secure and will be listened to in an open positive atmosphere. This includes activities within the Curriculum such as PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education), SEAL (Social, Emotional Aspects of Learning) and Kidsafe.

We ensure the children know that they can approach any member of staff if they are worried or in difficulty.

We actively seek the views of children, listening to them and involving them in decisions about their education.

We will make any referrals necessary to ensure the well-being of all children is

safeguarded. Every effort will be made to establish effective working relationships with parents and our colleagues from other agencies, such as Health, the police and social care. We fully support Operation Encompass to work with other agencies to support children who are victims of domestic abuse.

All teaching and non-teaching staff are aware of their need to safeguard children and of their responsibilities in identifying and reporting possible cases of abuse and to monitor children known, or thought, to be at risk from harm.

We ensure that all adults within our school who have substantial access to children have been checked as to their suitability, in accordance with OFSTED regulations.

## Roles and Responsibilities

All Staff in school are in a good position to keep a watchful eye on children and their safety and to protect them from harm. All staff have completed relevant Safeguarding training.

If staff have concerns they have a duty to inform Mrs Joanne Ormond,
Designated Safeguarding & Child
Protection Officer or in her absence
Mrs Alex Moore, Deputy Designated
Safeguarding & Child Protection Officer.

## The Governing Body

Safeguarding children is a 'collective responsibility' for the whole of the Governing Body.

The Governing Body of Maryport
Church of England Junior
School takes seriously its
responsibility under Section
175 of the Education Act 2002 to
safeguard and promote the welfare of
children.

Every school should have a Nominated Governor for Safeguarding & Child Protection - ours is Rev. Susan McKendrey.

## Parents and Carers

All parents experience difficulties at various times that can be helped by other family members or close friends. If someone you know is having difficulties, you could offer the following:

• A listening ear
• Ideas to cope with problems
• Encouragement to get some help
• Practical support(childcare/shopping)

However there may be times when a child may be at risk of significant harm and professional support needs to be provided.

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If parents, carers, staff, family or community members have concerns they must report these concerns to the Cumbria safeguarding team on 03332401727

Further safeguarding information can also be accessed on www.cumbrialscb.com



www.childline.org.uk 08001111 www.nspcc.org.uk 0808800500

Our full and comprehensive policy for Safeguarding and Child Protection can be found on our website or requested from the headteacher