

“No single professional can have a full picture of a child’s need and circumstances and, if children and families are to receive the right help at the right time, everyone who comes into contact with them has a role to play in identifying concerns, sharing information and taking prompt action.”

(Working Together to Safeguard Children, HM Government 2015)

INTRODUCTION

Beckstone Primary School is committed to ensuring all children are safeguarded and that pupil welfare is paramount. As a consequence Beckstone Primary School will:

- ◆ Establish and maintain an ethos where children feel secure and are listened to with an open and positive school atmosphere.
- ◆ Ensure that children know that there are trusted adults in school who they can approach if they are worried or in difficulty.
- ◆ Include in the Curriculum activities and opportunities for PHSE, Drugs Education and ‘Circle Time’ which equip children with the skills they need to stay safe from all forms of abuse.

- ◆ Will make any referrals necessary to ensure the well being of a pupil is safeguarded.
- ◆ Ensure that children’s identities and images are protected with regard to published information on the school, particularly on web sites and in the media.
- ◆ Ensure that the school is always a safe environment and that children are taught to be safe on line.

In addition the school will fully comply with national and local statutory duties and guidance. In Beckstone Primary School we adhere to Cumbria’s Local Safeguarding Children’s Board (LSCB) procedures:

www.cumbrialscb.com

CUMBRIA LSCB
CUMBRIA LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

ROLE OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Safeguarding children is a collective responsibility for the whole of the Governing Body. Every school should have a **Nominated Governor** for Safeguarding/Child Protection, in this school it is: **Mrs Angela Johnston**.

The Designated Person is: **Mrs Debbie Cook** and in her absence: **Mr David Warbrick** or **Mrs Jude Yoxall**.

The Safeguarding Team are subject to the school’s safeguarding Training Plan to ensure their knowledge and experience is current.

The **Education Act 2002**: Section 175 states that:

“The Governing Body of a maintained school shall make arrangements for ensuring that their functions relating to the conduct of the school are exercised with a view to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children who are pupils at the school.”

**...Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility -
Help us to keep all our children safe....**

ACTION

The staff in Beckstone Primary School are in a good position to keep a watchful eye on children and their safety and to protect them from abuse and neglect. If they have concerns they must inform the designated person for Safeguarding (Mrs Cook) immediately or in her absence the Headteacher.

All referrals will be made through customer advisers/duty social workers who are based at the Safeguarding Hub in Penrith which covers the whole of Cumbria.

If there is uncertainty as to whether to refer a child then the school will speak to a duty social worker to discuss the concerns and consequently provide the school with advice/consultation.

The telephone number of this 24 hour service is: **0333 240 1727**

Anybody with a concern about a child in Cumbria can contact Children's Services on this number.



Calls between 9am to 5pm Monday to Thursday and 9am to 4:30pm Friday will go direct to the Safeguarding Hub for action.

Postal Address:

Cumbria Safeguarding Hub
Skirsgill Depot, Penrith
Cumbria CA10 2BQ

Emergency calls during evenings and weekends will be answered by the emergency duty team that can be contacted on the same number.

Telephone: **0333 240 1727**

Allegations against staff

Beckstone Primary School has procedures for dealing with allegations against members of staff and volunteers that comply with Cumbria LSCB guidance.

All allegations will be reported within one working day to the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) via the Safeguarding Hub Business Support Team on: **01768 812090** or email: **lado@cumbria.gov.uk**.

If unavailable then contact will be made via the:

Safeguarding Hub: 0333 240 1727

This is a summary of the full policy which can be viewed on request to the Head Teacher.



Safeguarding

Policy

(Child Protection)

for Parents, Carers & Visitors

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