

## Introduction

At Ormiston Cliff Park Infant Academy we have a primary responsibility for the care, welfare and safety of the students in our charge.

We aim to provide a caring, supportive and safe environment in which all our young people can learn and develop to their full potential.

One way in which we seek to protect our young people is helping them to recognise unwelcome behaviour in others and to acquire the confidence and skills they need to keep themselves safe.

Ormiston Cliff Park Infant Academy has a Safeguarding policy which is based on guidelines drawn up by the Department for Education. The policy is available on the school website.

## Who should I contact about Child Protection?

Where a parent suspects abuse or a child has made an allegation of abuse, the school should be contacted.

Head of School and Designated Safeguarding Lead Mr. Reid can be contacted on: 01493 661523 or in his absence, Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Huggins, or Mrs Reid.

If the matter concerns a member of staff, the Executive Principal, Mrs Rutherford, should be contacted in the first instance on: 01493 661523 as soon as possible.

Parents can, of course, contact Norfolk County Council Children's Services on: 0344 800 8020 or OFSTED on: 0300 1234 666

**If you have any suggestions, queries or worries, please come and speak to us.**



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**Safeguarding at Ormiston Cliff Park Infant Academy**

*We believe that everyone has the right to be happy, healthy and safe at school.*

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### What is Child Abuse?

We use the following definitions:

**Neglect:** the persistent or significant neglect of a child, the failure to protect them from any kind of danger and/or the failure to carry out important aspects of care.

**Physical abuse:** the deliberate harming of a child, resulting in physical injury or pain.

**Emotional abuse:** persistent or significant emotional ill-treatment or rejection resulting in severe adverse effects on the emotional, physical and/or behavioural development of a child.

**Sexual abuse:** the sexual exploitation of a child in acts which they do not truly comprehend and to which they are unable to give informed consent or that violate the social taboos of family roles.

### Procedures within the school

All members of staff receive training in Safeguarding. If a member of staff becomes concerned about a student's welfare or safety, the procedures outlined below are always followed:

#### **For Ormiston Cliff Park Infant Academy:**

**Mr Reid**, Head of School, is the Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead.

**Mrs Reid** is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and

**Mrs Huggins** is the Alternate Safeguarding Lead.

One of these staff members will try to establish if there is any cause for concern. If appropriate, the designated professional will contact Children's Services for advice or clarification - the names

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of pupils are not always disclosed at this stage. The School will explain its concerns to Children's Services and follow its recommendations. There are occasions when we may be able to deal with the situation ourselves, but we always have to follow Children's Service's recommendation to make a formal referral if that is required. We will usually inform parents of this. However, depending on the nature of the concern, this is not always possible.

**Please remember, our first priority is the welfare and safety of the child or young person**