



Pownall Green

Primary School

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Statement on Child protection and Team around the Child procedures.

Current legislation gives the local authority a duty to investigate when it is suspected or found that a child is suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. The local authority will then make enquiries from other agencies to enable them to decide whether they should take any action to safeguard or promote the child's welfare.

As a school we have a statutory duty to assist social care departments acting on behalf of children in need or enquiring into allegations of child abuse. As well as this statutory duty we have a pastoral responsibility towards our pupils and we recognise that pupils have a fundamental right to be protected from harm. Children cannot learn effectively unless they feel safe and secure. We therefore have a Safeguarding Policy, which reflects both our statutory duty and our pastoral responsibilities.

If we have a concern that a child has been abused or is at risk of being abused, we have a duty to refer this to social care. In making any referral, the school is not making any judgement for example about individual parents or carers. It is for social care to decide whether there should be an investigation.

There may be other circumstances (which are not to do with child protection, but more related to meeting children's needs) when we feel that you and your family may benefit from some support from other agencies. This may involve the process known as 'Team Around the Child'. Before we can do this we will need to seek your permission. We will then complete the relevant documentation – in most cases this will be done with you.

Filming and Photography in school

Please note that the general use of any film or recording equipment (for example, cameras, mobile phones, video cameras, etc) is not allowed in school without permission. Events open to families, (for example Sports Days, Concerts) may be recorded for personal, family use only. Any images or video must not be shared or uploaded to any public domain or social networking site.

School policy documents

Key policies may be viewed and downloaded from this page of our website (see 'Policies' under School information). Other policies are available from the school office on request.