



Safeguarding Policy

Introduction

This policy sets out the principles for Safeguarding within Friends of Ryton Federation. It is relevant to all within the association and is endorsed by the committee of Friends of Ryton Federation. It will be reviewed yearly to ensure that it remains appropriate to the organisation and its volunteers needs annually.

Rationale

Parents send their children to school with the expectation that they will be provided with a secure environment in which their children can learn and flourish in safety. At Ryton Federation to do this, a wide range of measures and policies, in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023, are put in place to ensure this can happen. These are all available to view on the school website. The PSA support and abide by these policies

Responsibility

Parent Staff Associations have a duty of care to consider the safety of children and vulnerable adults. This must be taken into consideration when risk assessing a PSA event and the duration of such events.

All PSA members should be aware of the person responsible for safeguarding within the school.

- The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Deborah Ashcroft – Executive Headteacher
- The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL) are Mrs Susan Spurr – Deputy Headteacher and Mrs Nicola Johnson Key Stage 1 Lead

What to do if you have concerns about a child

You may have concerns about a child because of something you have seen or heard or a child may choose to disclose something to you. These should be raised with the Schools Designated Safeguarding Lead immediately. It is crucial that all members are aware of the importance of sharing information confidentially. The DSL will ensure that the matter is dealt with in line with the school Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy which is available on the school website www.rytonfederation.org.uk

Guidance for Events:

- Friends of Ryton will ensure that child safeguarding is the main priority of every event that is held
- Friends of Ryton Committee members will have an enhanced DBS check as school staff or volunteers
- All events should be risk assessed for adequate supervision ratios, first aid and security
- Events where children are dropped off and collected – a register should be available and children should be checked in and out of the event with usual school handover arrangements to parents adopted
- Contact details for the child's parent/carer must be available for the event
- A named member/s of the school team to be on site throughout an activity or event with contact details for DSL or DDSL available
- Exits should be monitored to ensure children cannot leave an event unattended

- Children must not be unsupervised at any time
- A qualified First Aider must be on site for all events
- Members of PSA attending school during the working day will sign in at offices and following school safeguarding procedures for visitors

This policy will be reviewed by the Friends of Ryton School committee annually before the AGM.

Reviewed and adopted by Friends of Ryton Committee and Executive Headteacher 12th January 2023

Next review date – January 2024