

CHILD PROTECTION / SAFEGUARDING PROCEDURES AT DOVER ROAD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Governors and staff of Dover Road C P School take seriously the responsibility to promote the welfare and safeguard all the children and young people entrusted to the school's care.

The Designated Child Protection Co-ordinator (DCPC) who has overall responsibility for Child Protection practice in school is:

The Headteacher

The school is responsible for ensuring that all action taken is in line with Kent's Child in need/Child Protection procedure. This process follows the requirements of the central government guidance. The Child Protection process is incorporated within a comprehensive policy and procedure for all children in need. A full copy of the school Child Protection policy is available when requests are made in writing to the Headteacher.

The role of the school within this procedure is to contribute to the identification, referral and assessment of children in need including children who may have suffered, be suffering or who are at risk of suffering significant harm. The school has a role in the provision of services to Children in Need and those with a Child Protection Plan and their families.

All adults in school have a corporate responsibility to:

- Protect children from abuse
- Promote the welfare of children
- Prevent children from being harmed

All staff within the school have received Child Protection training, members of the leadership team and the Welfare Manager are trained at an advanced level in order to support colleagues within their team. The Headteacher has overall responsibility for Child Protection in Dover Road School and as such guides and supports staff when considering any concerns regarding children in their immediate care or within the school.

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