



**Safeguarding and Child Protection
at Park Lane Primary & Nursery School**

At Park Lane Primary & Nursery School we are fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all our pupils. All staff and parent helpers share this commitment.

At Park Lane Primary & Nursery School this means that we provide a safe and welcoming environment where children are respected and valued. We take our duty of care towards all our pupils very seriously, together with the need to share any information which concerns us.

Under the Education Act 2002, every school must make arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. This means that we are required by law to pass on information about a child's welfare should there be cause for concern. This includes children who are at risk of neglect, physical abuse, emotional abuse or sexual abuse.

Whenever we have a concern about a child we will contact parents/carers as the first point of call and tell them about our concerns. Parents/carers will be told that records about our concerns may be kept about their child. They will also be told that we may have to share our concerns with other professionals or agencies and informed when this happens.

If a child is believed to be at risk of harm, we will take advice from other agencies without informing parents/carers in accordance with local Information Sharing protocols. We will make sure that information is shared securely and sensitively and only when necessary to make sure our children are kept safe.

We will seek advice from Social Care when there is reasonable cause to think a child may be suffering, or is likely to suffer, significant harm. Occasionally concerns are passed on which are later found to be unfounded, which parents/carers may find upsetting. We ask you to understand that we are carrying out our responsibilities in accordance with the law and in the best interest of the children.

On rare occasions, we may need to "hold" a child in school while Social Care and the police investigate concerns (under Section 3 (5) of the Children Act 1989)

If you have any questions or concerns about Safeguarding and Child Protection, please speak to Mrs Brudenell, Miss Smith, Mrs Bains or Mr Litten (who are our designated Child Protection staff).