

What School Must Do

A child should be able to go to school and feel safe so that they can achieve their very best (UNCRC: Article 29).

- Anybody who works or volunteers at South Grove will be checked by the police to make sure they are safe to work with children and they are then trained to identify potential child abuse and what to do if they are concerned.
- The school has Designated Safeguarding Leads who have had extra training to know what to do when a concern is brought to them.
- We will always listen to you and work closely with you if we are concerned about your child, but sometimes, as we mentioned earlier, we may not be able to discuss our concerns with you initially.
- We will help your child to learn about keeping themselves safe. Depending on the age of the children, lessons can include healthy eating, anti-bullying, online-safety, road safety, healthy relationships, drug and alcohol awareness. As part of these lessons your child will be told what to do if they are worried or concerned about their safety. Sometimes the children will do workshops delivered by theatre groups, Primary Mental Health Team, health professionals or the police as part of this curriculum.

What Parents Must Do

Parents are the most important people to keep their children safe (UNCRC: Article 19).

You should always:

- Feel confident to raise concerns about your child
- Talk to the school if you need help or support
- Read the school policies about safety issues
- Let the school know if your child has a medical condition
- Let the school know if you have any court orders relating to the safety of your child
- Let the school know if there is a change in your circumstances, such as a house move, a new emergency contact number, a change of name or change of parental responsibility
- Make sure the school has up to date emergency contact details for at least 3 people in case we need to contact someone during the school day
- Make sure the school know who will be collecting your child
- Make sure your child attends school regularly (we aim for at 100% attendance) and that you let the school know the reason if your child is absent.



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Keeping Children Safe in Education

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Article 19

Children have the right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated, in body or mind.

Information for Parents

Keeping Children Safe

South Grove is committed to creating a happy and safe environment for our children to learn in. This leaflet will help you understand how we keep your children safe by telling you:

- How children can be harmed
- What we must do to keep your child safe from harm
- What you must do as a parent to help your child be safe and enjoy school

Child Protection

This is an important subject in which all staff receive regular training. Our priority is to work with you and discuss any concerns we have about your child with you, however there may be times when we have to involve other people. Everybody has a responsibility to keep all children under the age of 18 safe. Harm is identified in four ways:

Physical - (UNCRC: Article 37)

Sexual - (UNCRC: Article 34)

Emotional - (UNCRC: Article 19)

Neglect - (UNCRC: Article 24)

What you need to know about Safeguarding?

The law requires everyone working with children to inform Children's Social Services about any child thought to be in need of support or at risk of harm.

The law also requires all schools to have arrangements to safeguard children. The school has procedures in place to do this and a policy that all staff, regular visitors and volunteers must work to.

A copy of this is on our website.

Key Safeguarding Contacts:

Designated Safeguarding Lead	Brigid Montgomery (Pastoral Care Manager)
Deputy Safeguarding Lead	Julie Maltwood (Head Teacher)
Safeguarding Leads Team	David Combe (DHT) Jill Moriarty (AHT & SENCO) Angela Rice (EYFS Lead) Amarjit Sandhu-Hanif (English Lead)
Named Safeguarding Governor	Molly Franklin
Chair of Governors	Ben Pheloung

Contact Details	
Email	dsl@southgrove.waltham.sch.uk
Telephone the school	0208 521 6000 Ext 4

What will happen if we have concerns for your child?

If the school has a concern that your child is, or may be, suffering harm within or outside school, we will act according to our statutory duty in the law to protect your child from any harm or danger. All schools have a duty to refer cases if they have a safeguarding concern.

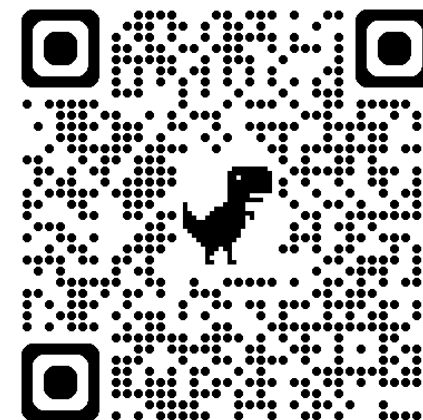
What does this mean?

If possible, we will discuss the referral with you and let you know it has been made, however sometimes social services ask us not to talk to you. They may do this if they feel your child may be put at more risk by informing you. It is always better for your child if we can work together.

We understand that you may feel angry, upset or worried because we have made a referral. The decision to make a referral is never taken lightly.

However, every member of staff or volunteer that works at every school has a duty to act in the best interests of children at all times. This means acting quickly to reduce any risks where a child's safety is of concern. **(UNCRC: Article 24)**

Further information is on our Website:



southgrove.waltham.sch.uk/Safeguarding