



Riversdale Primary School

"A nurturing, ambitious and values led school."

Statement of Pupil Safety

Date: 27th September 2025

Review Date: 26th September 2026



At Riversdale Primary School we recognise that the safety, welfare and wellbeing of every pupil is of paramount importance. We are committed to providing a learning environment in which all children are safe, empowered and supported to achieve their best.

WE WILL...

Ensure that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. All staff, including the governing body, supply staff and volunteers, understand their duty to safeguard pupils and promote their welfare. As required by KCSIE 2025, all staff read Part One of the guidance.

Maintain a child-centred approach, recognising that "Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children" means protecting children from maltreatment; preventing impairment of their health or development; ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and taking action to enable children to have the best outcomes.

Provide a safe and secure physical and online environment. We will ensure risk assessments are regularly reviewed; physical site security is proportionate and responsive to identified threats; and online safety measures (including filtering/monitoring) are robust and keep pace with emerging risks such as misinformation or misuse of AI.

Ensure safe recruitment, induction and ongoing training (including, but not limited to Safeguarding, Health & Safety, County Lines etc.) for all adults working with pupils. We commit to the checks, vetting and records processes as required by statutory safeguarding guidance.

Recognise and respond promptly to safeguarding concerns or disclosures. All staff will follow our established procedures, understand how to make referrals, contribute to child protection plans, and work in partnership with other agencies (such as the local authority children's services, the police, health services) as set out in multi-agency guidance.

Promote positive behaviour, respect, equality and diversity. We will actively work to reduce the risk of peer-on-peer harm (including sexual violence and harassment), prejudice-based behaviour and bullying; advance pupils' understanding of safe and healthy relationships; and support pupils to develop resilience, recognise risk and seek help when needed.

Ensure safeguarding is woven through our curriculum, including RHW, computing, and assemblies, enabling pupils to develop knowledge and skills to keep themselves safe, both online and offline, and to recognise and report concerns.

Remain fully committed to our duties under the Prevent strategy, protecting pupils from the risks of radicalisation and extremist influence. Staff are trained to identify and respond to concerns in line with the school's safeguarding procedures and government guidance.

Create a culture in which pupils feel safe, valued and listened to. We will ensure pupils know how to report concerns, understand who to talk to, and feel assured that they will be supported without fear of blame or reprisal.

Ensure that parents, carers and the wider community are engaged and informed. We will work collaboratively with families, sharing our safeguarding and safety policies, providing information and support, and encouraging a shared responsibility for pupil safety.

Monitor, review and continuously improve our safeguarding and safety practices. Senior leadership, the DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) and governing body will regularly evaluate our safety arrangements, review incidents and lessons learned, and ensure effective implementation of our policies.

Link pupil safety explicitly to our school values. We believe that by embedding our values (e.g., respect, resilience, responsibility, kindness) in our everyday practice we create a safe, inclusive, positive culture where all pupils can thrive.

IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (Amy Roberts) takes lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection across the school, supported by trained deputy DSLs (Steven Sousa, Tracey Tattersall & Helen Barnard). The DSL ensures effective implementation of statutory guidance, maintains oversight of all concerns, and liaises with external agencies as required.

All safeguarding concerns, disclosures and referrals are recorded accurately and securely in line with statutory requirements. Information is shared appropriately and confidentially. We follow the DfE's guidance in managing allegations or concerns about staff conduct, ensuring a transparent and fair process that protects both pupils and staff.

This Statement of Pupil Safety forms part of our overarching Safeguarding and Child Protection policy and complements our Health & Safety Policy, Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy, Online Safety policy, and other relevant procedures. It will be reviewed annually (or earlier if required by changes in law, guidance or the school's context) and is endorsed by the Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team.