

Safeguarding Statement

Shirehampton Primary School (SPS) is committed to ensuring the welfare and safety of all our children. We believe that pupils have a right to learn in a supportive, caring and safe environment which includes the right to protection from all types of abuse; where staff are vigilant for signs of any pupil in distress and are confident about applying our safeguarding procedures to avert and alleviate any such concerns.

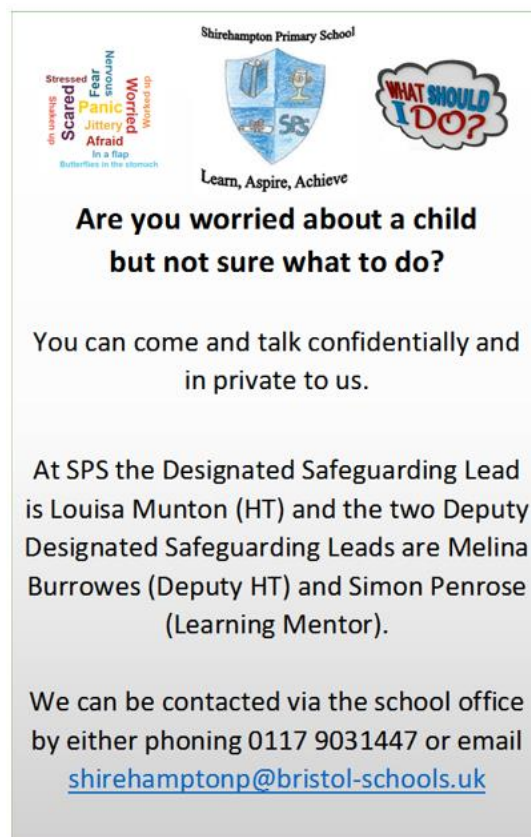
Safeguarding is about ensuring that everyone is safe from harm – safe from bullying, safe from people who could abuse, safe from discrimination or harassment – and that we all feel safe in our learning environment.

If a member of staff is concerned about a child's welfare, they will record this and report it to one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) as soon as possible the same day. Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns are discussed with the child's parents / carers first unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare. If a staff member has concerns which relate to the actions or behaviour of a colleague (which could suggest that they are unsuitable to work with children) this will be reported to the Head Teacher, or Chair of Governors, if the concern relates to the Head Teacher, who will contact the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO).

SPS will support all children by:

- ✓ Promoting a caring, safe and positive environment within the school;
- ✓ Liaising and working together with all other support services and those agencies involved in the safeguarding of children;
- ✓ Notifying First Response or Children and Young People's Services (CYPS) via the approved mechanisms as soon as there is a concern that needs sharing;
- ✓ Providing continued support to a child about whom there have been concerns who leaves the school by ensuring that appropriate information is forwarded under confidential cover to the new school.

If you are concerned about the safety or well-being of a child at our school please talk to one of our DSLs.



Shirehampton Primary School

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**Are you worried about a child
but not sure what to do?**

You can come and talk confidentially and
in private to us.

At SPS the Designated Safeguarding Lead
is Louisa Munton (HT) and the two Deputy
Designated Safeguarding Leads are Melina
Burrowes (Deputy HT) and Simon Penrose
(Learning Mentor).

We can be contacted via the school office
by either phoning 0117 9031447 or email
shirehamptonp@bristol-schools.uk

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All staff, including temporary staff, and volunteers are subject to stringent background checks including clearance with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) to ensure their suitability for working with children.

Report a concern about a child

If you have any concerns about a child or young person please do not leave it to someone else to deal with, particularly if you think a child is being neglected or abused.

If you're concerned about the well-being of a child contact the First Response Team on 0117 903 6444



The poster is a light blue graphic with a central blue double-headed arrow containing the text 'FIRST RESPONSE'. Above the arrow, it asks 'Are you worried about a child or young person? Do you or your child need some help?'. Below the arrow, the phone number '0117 903 6444' is displayed in large white text on a blue background. Underneath the number, it states 'The right help, in the right place, at the right time'. The main body of text explains that First Response provides support for parenting and children's services in Bristol, and lists potential outcomes of a phone call: information and guidance, referrals to the Early Help team, or safeguarding referrals to social work. It also notes that anyone can call if concerned. The poster includes the Bristol City Council logo and the Bristol Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) logo, with the tagline 'Together we'll make sure the help we provide is the right help'. At the bottom right, it says 'BD4879 Bristol Design, BCC'.

**Are you worried about a child or young person?
Do you or your child need some help?**

FIRST RESPONSE

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The right help, in the right place, at the right time

If you need support with parenting or you think that your child needs some help from children's services in Bristol, you can phone First Response.

Your phone call may result in:

- Information, advice and guidance being given about services to help families.
- A referral to the Early Help team who can provide support to children, young people and families.
- A safeguarding referral to a social work team.

Depending what the problem is, we can find the right solution by talking to the right people who know your child; people like teachers, youth workers, police, school nurses, health visitors, doctors, etc.

Anyone can ring First Response if they are concerned about a child or young person.

Together we'll make sure the help we provide is the right help

BSCB Bristol Safeguarding Children Board
making safeguarding enquiries easier

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When our offices are closed call the [Emergency Duty Team](#) on 01454 615 165.

Reporting a child at immediate risk

If the child is at immediate risk call the Police on 999.

Other numbers you can call:

NSPCC 24 hour Helpline: 0800 800 5000 (free from a landline)

NSPCC Asian Languages Helpline: 0808 800 5000 (free from a landline)

NSPCC Text helpline: 88858 (service is free and anonymous)

Police: 101 (non-emergency calls)