

Hamstel Infant School and Nursery Safeguarding Statement

Hamstel Infant School and Nursery is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.



To achieve our commitment, we will ensure continuous development and improvement of robust safeguarding processes and procedures that promote a culture of safeguarding amongst our staff and volunteers.

We are committed to inspiring, challenging and safeguarding our pupils, enabling them to become:

- Successful learners, who enjoy learning, make progress and achieve.
- Confident individuals who are able to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives.
- Responsible citizens who will make a positive contribution, both socially and economically, to society.

This is best achieved when we all work [Together Towards Success](#).

The designated safeguarding lead for Hamstel Infant School and Nursery is **Lisa Clark (Headteacher)**. There are two further Safeguarding Leads, **Andrea Esp (Assistant head for Inclusion)** and **Laurie Soane (Manager for Well-Being)**.

The nominated governor for safeguarding is **Maurice Sweeting (Chair of Governors)**.

The designated lead for looked after children is **Petra Verkooijen (SENCo)**.

All adults who work in school have a responsibility to read and understand all safeguarding policies. All adults are also expected to read the DfE guidance: [Keeping Children Safe In Education](#)

This should be read alongside statutory guidance [Working Together to Safeguard Children](#), and departmental advice [What to do if you are worried a child is being abused- Advice for practitioners](#).

[Information sharing](#) is vital to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. A key factor identified in many serious case reviews (SCRs) has been a failure by practitioners to record information, to share it, to understand its significance and then take appropriate action. [Click here to view the DfE guidance: Information Sharing](#)

Effective working together depends on an open approach and honest relationships between agencies. Where professionals consider that the practice of other professionals is placing children at risk of harm, they must be assertive, act swiftly and ensure that they challenge the relevant professionals.

Schools have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism. This is referred to as Prevent. More information is available on the school website <https://www.hamstelinfants.co.uk>

All adults at Hamstel Infant School and Nursery are made aware of the [NSPCC Whistleblowing Advice Line](#) on **0800 028 0285**. This anonymous, free of charge service provides support to employees wishing to raise concerns about how their organisation has handled a child protection concern.



School Policies

It is the responsibility of all adults in Hamstel Infant School and Nursery to be familiar with the school safeguarding and health and safety policies, including the online safety policy and E-Safety guidance, and our school's duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism. This is outlined in our PREVENT Statement.

Get advice

NSPCC (for adults)

Telephone: 0808 800 5000

Contact the [NSPCC](#) if you want to discuss your concerns and get advice.

ChildLine (for children and young people)

Telephone: 0800 1111 (free)

The ChildLine number won't show up on your phone bill if you call from a landline or from most mobile networks.

Online Safety

For advice and guidance please visit our [Online Safety for Parents page \(click here\)](#)

Gov.uk

Advice and information about reporting child abuse can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/report-child-abuse>

Educate Against Hate – <https://educateagainsthate.com/>

This is an important government website that provides advice and information about protecting children from extremism and radicalisation.