





# Botley C of E Primary School

## Parental Safeguarding Update: Autumn 2024

### Designated Safeguarding Leads

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is the person appointed to take lead responsibility for child protection and safeguarding within an organisation. The person fulfilling this role must be a senior member of the school's leadership team. All schools must have a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) in place to deal with child protection concerns. As a larger school we have a 'designated safeguarding team' that supports the DSL. This consists of a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) and other senior members of staff that have had DSL training. However, the lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection always remains with the DSL. Any safeguarding concerns you may have as parents should in the first instance be directed towards the DSL. In this school that is Mr Cooil. If Mr Cooil is not available then the DDSL, Mrs Shuttle should be contacted. Other trained members of staff are also available to you to provide support if it is needed.

For your information, below is this school's Designated Safeguarding Team and how they can be contacted. It is really important that you are confident in contacting us if you feel that you need to.

<p>Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>  <p>Mr. Joe Cooil (Headteacher) j.cooil@botley.hants.sch.uk</p>	<p>Deputy-Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>  <p>Mrs Becci Shuttle (Deputy Headteacher) r.shuttle@botley.hants.sch.uk</p>
<p>Trained Safeguarding Lead</p>  <p>Mrs Kate Roberts (SENDCo) k.roberts@botley.hants.sch.uk</p>	<p>Trained Safeguarding Lead</p>  <p>Mrs Gill Westlake (Key Stage One teacher) g.westlake@botley.hants.sch.uk</p>
<p>All members of staff have extensive safeguarding training. This is initially undertaken at the beginning of each academic year but it is not seen as a one off and continues throughout the year. Staff are assessed on their understanding and knowledge of safeguarding and additional training and inputs are given as required. Regular updates are provided to staff on a weekly basis to ensure that they are confident in all aspects of safeguarding and are absolutely focussed on ensuring that your children are safe.</p>	

## School Safeguarding Culture

It is important that as a school we do not just follow the procedures and policies as set out within Keeping Children Safe in Education, but that we also have a strong and robust culture around safeguarding. To that end we have three key elements to our culture that underpin the work we do at school and are understood by all members of staff:

1. Safeguarding is the most important thing we do.
2. Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility.
3. It could happen here.

At this school we recognise safeguarding as a vital element of everyday school life. We promote a culture where individuals feel able to highlight their concerns and exhibit appropriate levels of professional curiosity. They are confident that any concerns that they have will be taken seriously.

If we have a concern about your child, we will always act in a way to keep them safe and that may include referring to Hampshire County Council's Children's Services.

## The Role of the School's Governors in Safeguarding

The Education Act 2002 defines the statutory role of governing bodies in relation to safeguarding children and requires them to ensure that schools have suitable child protection policies and procedures in place. This includes procedures for safe recruitment and dealing with allegations of abuse against members of staff and volunteers.

Governing bodies are required to remedy, without delay, any deficiencies or weaknesses in regard to child protection arrangements that are brought to their attention, and policies and procedures must be reviewed annually.

All Governors undertake annual safeguarding training and are updated in each Whole Governing Body meeting in which Safeguarding is a standing item. Minutes show that they challenge the school's Senior Leadership Team to ensure the highest possible standards in safeguarding. There is a named Safeguarding Governor who undertakes regular visits to the school to review different elements of safeguarding and look for evidence of best practice. The Safeguarding Governor is **Mr Matt Smith**. The school is required to annually complete the Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership audit to identify areas for further strengthening within the school's provision. This leads to the writing of an action plan, the progress of which is regularly checked by the school Governors.

We also have Governors who, alongside senior member of staff, are trained in safer recruitment to ensure that all appointments to the school are carefully considered to ensure that there are no safeguarding concerns.

### 5 Internet Safety Tips for Kids

The internet may be awesome, but it's also awfully dangerous! Whether you're playing games, chatting with friends, or doing homework, it's always important to stay safe online. Luckily, it's super easy if you know what to do.

Here are five simple tricks to protect yourself online and keep the bad guys at bay:

- 1 GUARD YOUR PASSWORDS LIKE A TREASURE:**  
Keep passwords private! Sharing them might allow someone to crack your account and steal your personal information.
- 2 BE A CYBER SLEUTH:**  
Act like a detective before clicking on links and attachments. Check that they've sent from someone you know. Otherwise, they might infect your device with a nasty virus.
- 3 ONLY TALK TO PEOPLE YOU KNOW:**  
Not everyone is who they say they are. Don't talk to strangers and never meet up with anyone you've only ever met online.
- 4 THINK BEFORE YOU POST:**  
Don't post anything you wouldn't want friends or family seeing and never share where you live or where you're located.
- 5 SAVE THE DAY FROM CYBERBULLIES:**  
Always be kind online -- and if you see something mean, speak up! Tell a parent, teacher, or trusted adult.