



Holbrook C of E Primary School

Safeguarding Newsletter

“Live Life in All its Fullness” John 10:10

Welcome to our safeguarding newsletter: Our priority at Holbrook is to keep everyone safe. We work with children in an age appropriate way to build awareness of risks and enable them to make safe choices and to seek help when they need to and our work with families and outside agencies is an important part of this. We recognise that some of these issues can be upsetting, but by raising awareness with families, we aim to keep our children safe.

KEY STAFF:

DSL: Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Taylor is DSL

Deputy DSL:

Mrs Wright

SPOTLIGHT ON – Abuse:

The signs of child abuse aren't always obvious, and a child might not feel able to tell anyone what's happening to them.

Sometimes, children don't even realise that what is

happening to them, is abuse. There are different types of child abuse and the signs that a child is being abused may depend on the type. For example, the signs that a child is being neglected may be different from the signs that a child is being abused sexually.

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Common Signs

Some common signs that there may be something concerning happening in a child's life include:

- unexplained changes in behaviour or personality
- becoming withdrawn
- seeming anxious
- becoming uncharacteristically aggressive
- lacks social skills and has few friends if any
- poor bond or relationship with a parent
- knowledge of adult issues inappropriate for their age
- running away or going missing
- always choosing to wear clothes which cover their body

These signs don't necessarily mean that a child is being abused, there could be other things happening in their life which are affecting their behaviour – but we can help you to assess the situation. You may also notice some concerning behaviour from adults who you know have children in their care, which makes you concerned for the child/ children's safety and wellbeing.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/> <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/>

Designated Safeguarding Leads can be accessed via our safeguarding email

safeguarding@holbrook.derbyshire.sch.uk

If you believe that a child or an adult is at immediate risk of harm and in need of protection then you should call the Police - 999, straight away. Alternatively, if you want advice from the Police and the child or adult is not in immediate need of protection, you can call the police on the telephone number 101.