Please see our website for our full Child Protection, Behaviour and Attendance Policies. Paper copies are available from the office on request.

As always, but especially with regard to safeguarding, if you would like to discuss any matter with a member of staff, please call in, telephone or email us. Any low level concerns or disclosures must be followed up immediately.

The Governing Body takes its responsibility under \section 175 of the Education Act 2002 to safeguard and promote the welfare of children; and it work together with other agencies to ensure adequate arrangements within our school to identify, assess, and support those children who are suffering harm.

In addition, the school will fully comply with national and local statutory duties and guidance.

More information can be found on the Cumbria Safeguarding website:

www.cumbriasafeguardingchilen.co.uk

The staff at Cummersdale School are committed to ensuring all children are safeguarded and pupil welfare is paramount. If anyone has any concerns about:

- Something a pupil says
- Marks or bruises on a child including burns
- Changes in a childs behaviour or demeanour they must inform:

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
Mr Gareth Jones
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) Mrs Fay
Scott
Mrs Lorna Bell Safeguarding
Governor.

Anybody with a concern about a child in Cumbria can contact Children's Services

The telephone number of this 24-hour service is: Safeguarding Hub: 0333 240 1727

Suggested website to support families:
www.cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk
www.bullying.co.uk
www.parentlineplus.org.uk
www.childline.org.uk

Safeguarding Children at Cummersdale School



An information leaflet for visitors, parents and carers







Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families and carers has a role to play in safeguarding children. This means protecting children from Physical, Emotional or Sexual abuse or Neglect.

Cummersdale School is committed to ensuring that all children are safeguarded and pupil welfare is paramount. All staff are aware of their duty of care to protect our children and help to keep them safe. We have a clear Child Protection Policy setting out how we safeguard our children and adheres to the DfE Keeping Children Safe in Education statutory guidance (September 2024)



If a child says or otherwise communicates something that contradicts or conflicts with the parents/carers account of their health or welfare, then we all have a clear duty of care to ensure that any discrepancies are properly investigated and explained. We will make any referrals necessary to ensure the well-being of all children is safeguarded.

It is important for children to receive the right help at the right time to address risks and prevent issues escalating. Research and Serious Case Reviews have repeatedly shown the dangers of failing to take effective action

(Keeping Children Safe in Education, DFE, September 2024)

At Cummersdale we are proud of the comments made by Ofsted:

"The leadership team has ensured that all safeguarding arrangements are fit for purpose. Records are detailed and of a high quality."

If someone you know is having difficulties, you could offer the following:

- A listening ear
- Ideas to cope with problems
- Encouragement to get some help
- Practical support (childcare/shopping)

Bullying

Bullying is not tolerated at Cummersdale School. We reinforce this message through assemblies, PHSE lessons and it is embedded in our school and class rules. Anyone who has concerns about their child being bullied should speak to their child's class teacher as soon as possible in order for the issues to be addressed. The school behaviour policy can be found on the school website.



Internet Safety

At Cummersdale we are committed to promoting safe internet use. Pupils are all taught internet safety in school through the Jigsaw PHSE programme. Information is available on the school website for parents on E Safety.

Latest Ofsted report states, "Pupils spoken to during the inspection said that they know how to keep themselves safe, especially when using the internet."