

I am worried about a child...

If you have a concern for a child's safety and wellbeing, please contact:

Children's Services
Ground Floor, Roycroft House,
15 Linton Road,
Barking,
IG11 8HE

020 8227 3811
020 8594 8356 (after 5pm)

childrenss@lbbd.gov.uk

Or

NSPCC
0808 800 5000

In an emergency outside normal office hours, please contact the Police (999)

Please refer to the Eastbrook School Safeguarding Policy for further information and advice or ask our Safeguarding Team.



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Safeguarding

Keeping Children Safe

Information for Parents and Carers

What is Safeguarding?

Children should be free from harm and danger. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure that they are safe. Safeguarding means protecting children from harm and acting on concerns for a child's safety and wellbeing. This includes, physical, sexual, emotional, online abuse and neglect.

Why is school involved?

The Children Act 1989 requires everyone working with children to inform Children's Services about any child thought to be in need of support or at risk of harm. The Education Act 2002 requires all schools to have arrangements to safeguard children. The school has procedures in place to do this and a policy that all staff, volunteers and visitors must work to. You can request a copy from the school office or download it from the school website.

Our Safeguarding Team

These members of staff are responsible for all aspects of safeguarding in our school.

Mrs Kyri Mingay	Strategic Designated Safeguarding Lead
Ms Cherrelle Hinds-Swaby	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (Secondary)
Mr Andrew Pasterfield	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (Primary)
Mr Neil Tobias	Deputy Safeguarding Lead (Secondary)
Mr Evan Hollows	Headteacher/Deputy Safeguarding Lead (Primary)
Ms Gill Ellis	Named Governor for Safeguarding

What can you expect from us?

- A safe environment in which your child can learn.
- We will take good care of your child whilst in school, listening and acting on any concerns they share with us.
- We keep accurate up to date records.
- We will contact you if your child is absent and you have not told us why, to ensure they are safe and well.
- If your child transfers to another school, we will share important information with their new school that will help support your child.

What will happen if we have concerns for your child?

If a staff member has a concern about your child, they have to report it to the Safeguarding Team. Concerns include:

- If someone sees an unusual or unexplained injury or mark
- If your child has said something worrying to us
- If your child's behaviour is particularly unusual or worrying
- If there are any reasons we feel your child may be suffering harm outside of school.

We aim to discuss all concerns with parent or carers, however if we feel your child is at significant risk, we have a legal duty to report this immediately to Children's Services or Police.

Referral to Children's Services is made by contacting the MASH Team (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) who give advice on which action to take next, and we may need to fill in a referral form. We will let you know a referral has been made, unless it would place your child at further risk.

What would happen after a referral is made?

An assessment of your child's needs will be made by a Social Worker or another professional. This may involve a Social Worker contacting you and/or undertaking a home visit where they will speak to you and your child. They may wish to see your child at school. They may also speak to other professionals involved with your family. If the assessment is that your child and your family need further help and support, the Social Worker will discuss this with you.

How will you feel?

We understand that you may feel, angry, worried or upset because we have made a referral, but we have a legal duty to keep children safe. We act in the best interests of the children at all times. This means acting quickly to reduce any risks to a child's safety.

We feel that working together with parents and carers is always better for your child.