

Clipston Endowed VC Primary School

Designated Person for Looked After Children Statement



Designated Person Statement

Be Kind ~ Be Your Best ~ Be Happy

In this policy, the role of the governor states that they are responsible for ensuring the effective implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the policy. This - in practical terms - means that this is a day to day management responsibility usually overseen by the Head Teacher, and governors receive a report on the effectiveness of the policy when a policy is reviewed.

Presented to Governors: September 2021

Proposed Review: Autumn 2022

Signed

Mrs Helen Bellamy: Chair of Governors

Clipston Primary School's Mission, Ethos and Aims

Our Mission

Be Kind ~ Be Your Best ~ Be Happy

Ethos

Recognising its historic foundation, Clipston Primary School seeks to serve its community by providing a rounded, connected and coherent education of the highest quality.

We endeavour to preserve and develop our distinct religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England.

The school lives out its Christian virtues – Thankfulness, Kindness, Justice, Love, Forgiveness, Responsibility and Courage – and all those essential human values, which are common to good, kind and tolerant people of all faiths and none, through the experiences it offers to all its pupils.

Aims

The school's aim, through its Christian ethos, is the creation of a safe, happy learning environment, which supports all children on their journey towards becoming:

- Successful engaged learners, who enjoy learning, who are knowledgeable and skilled, and who make progress and achieve their best;
- Confident, articulate individuals who can lead safe, healthy and fulfilling lives in the communities in which they live now and in the future;
- Responsible, happy citizens of the world who have the capacity to make positive contributions to society.

“Do to others as you would have them do unto you” Luke 6:31

To achieve these aims, staff and governors will work in partnership with parents, carers and the local community for the benefit of all our pupils.

Clipston Primary School's Designated Person for Child Protection and Looked After Children (LAC): Head Teacher: Mrs Emma Mercer.

THE DESIGNATED PERSONS

The Designated Safeguarding Lead for Child Protection is Mrs Emma Mercer. There should be a minimum of one Designated Safeguarding Lead for every 200 pupils. In her absence, Mrs Sarah Williams will be a point of contact, as the Deputy DSL. The DSL will fulfil their role within the Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NSCP) Procedures. Mrs Emma Mercer is the first point of contact.

ROLE OF THE DESIGNATED PERSON

The Designated Safeguarding Lead should know:

- The names of all children in the school who are on the Child Protection Register
- The names of all children in the school who are defined as “Looked After Children”
- The names of children who are subject to intervention with a Social Worker and / or Child Protection Plan
- How to access the NCSP Procedures.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is responsible for:-

- Completing referral forms and liaising with outside agencies
- Providing written reports to Child Protection Conference
- Ensuring that a key member of staff for a LAC attends LAC meetings
- Ensuring that a key member of staff for a pupil with a Child Protection Plan attends meetings and case conferences
- Writing in conjunction with the SENDCo or Inclusion Manager, a PSP (pastoral support plan) for any child in care
- Keep records of any suspected incidents of neglect and child abuse
- Monitoring unauthorised or persistent absences
- Liaising with the Local Authority on matters of Education Welfare
- Reporting to the Governing Body as appropriate, ensuring confidentiality
- Recording relevant contacts with parents and carers; positive as well as negative
- Keep written records of concerns about children, even where there is no need to refer the matter immediately

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