



Gilbertstone Primary School



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Safeguarding Statement to parents of Gilbertstone Primary School

Gilbertstone Primary school's first priority is the welfare of our children. We are committed to the highest standards in protecting and safeguarding the children entrusted to our care at all times.

To promote a safe environment for pupils, our selection and recruitment policy includes enhanced checks on all staff and regular volunteers, including Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks, as recommended by Birmingham City Council in accordance with current legislation.

In accordance with our responsibilities under section 175/157 of the Education Act 2002, we have a Designated Senior Lead for Safeguarding (**Mrs Karen O'Reilly, Head teacher**) who has received appropriate training for this role. It is her responsibility to ensure that all staff in contact with children receives child protection awareness training on a regular basis.

There are occasions when our concern about a child may mean that we have to consult other agencies via CASS (Children Advice Support Service). Whilst we would always aim to work in partnership with parents there may be exceptions to this when concerns are raised for the protection of a child.

On very rare occasions Children's Services, whilst undertaking an investigation under S47 of the Children Act 1989, may want to speak to a child without parent's knowledge.

We may have to share some of the information and data held by us. We will also be in contact with any previous or following educational settings to share any safeguarding information (A Child Protection and Safeguarding Request).

Our Safeguarding Policy is on our website. A paper copy can be requested.