

### **What is safeguarding?**

Parents/carers and visitors coming onto our school premises, including the playground and inside the buildings, have a duty of care towards the welfare and safety of the children and the adults at the school, this is called safeguarding.

Safeguarding means that:-

- Children are protected from mistreatment.
- A child's health, or development, is protected.
- Children grow up with safe and effective care.
- Action is taken to ensure the best outcomes for all children.

Safeguarding is the action we take to promote the welfare of children in our care and to protect them from harm, we take this very seriously.

### **Extremism**

Concern about a child or adult at risk of being drawn into extremism

**West Midlands Counter**

**Terrorism Unit 0121 251 0241**

### **Security**

We ensure that your child is taught in a safe and secure environment by:-

- Having one entranceway to the school building for visitors and ensuring all visitors sign in and out, and wear a visitors badge at all times.
- Regular Health and Safety checks being undertaken by our governors and staff.
  - Risk assessments being carried out by teaching staff prior to any off site visits.
- Having secure playgrounds which are fenced and gates locked.
- Having termly fire drills take place.

### **Attendance**

Your child's attendance is monitored daily and significant absences are always followed up by the Education Welfare Service.

Once your child is registered at school you are legally responsible for making sure that they attend regularly.

## **SMITH'S WOOD PRIMARY ACADEMY SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION LEAFLET**

**For Parents and Carers**



This guide seeks to explain to you, as parents and carers, what arrangements are in place at the Academy should we have concerns about the welfare of one of our children.

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OFSTED 2023 "This is a OUTSTANDING School."

"Safeguarding is a priority at Smith's Wood Primary Academy."

## **We welcome visitors to our school.**

Our priority is to ensure our school remains a safe place for children, staff and all other members of our school community.

Please be aware, however, that we operate a zero tolerance towards abusive, threatening or violent behaviour towards any member of this school, in person or online.

Visitors behaving in this way are likely to be removed from the premises, banned from accessing the school grounds and the police may be called.



Our Policy for safeguarding can be viewed on the school website

[www.smithswoodpri.solihull.sch.uk](http://www.smithswoodpri.solihull.sch.uk)

## **E-Safety**

We are very aware of the need to educate our children about both the benefits and risks of using information technology. Children's use of the Internet is carefully monitored while they are in our care. In addition, we aim to educate them about the dangers they might face when using the Internet in their day-to-day lives.

The school has a separate policy on internet use and E-Safety. This is also available on the school website.

**If you have any concerns around the Safeguarding of the children at Smith's Wood Primary Academy please contact the Principal -  
Mrs N Damms**

**In an emergency call:-**

**Solihull — Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) 0121 788 4333**

**Solihull — Out of Hours  
Evenings and weekends 0121 605 6060**

**Birmingham — Referral and  
Advice Team  
0121 303 1888**

**Emergency Services 999**

## **Child Protection**

*This is the process of protecting children who may be suffering from, or at risk of, significant harm. This includes physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect and emotional harm.*

*Child protection promotes the rights and welfare of all children. All schools have staff responsible for Child Protection concerns. These staff are responsible for speaking to parents if concerns arise, and making referrals to Children's Social Care with, or without, parental permission. For more details please read a copy of our Child Protection policy available on the school website.*

### **Resources for Parents and Carers**

*The NSPCC website has some fantastic resources to help parents educate their children about keeping themselves safe. Visit their website at*

[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)