

Safeguarding Statement

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding children at Burry Port Primary School is the responsibility of everyone.

As such all the staff in our school have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. This duty is placed upon school by Section 175 of the Education Act 2002.

This means that we have a trained Designated Officer for Child Protection. In our school this is **Ms Alison Williams** (Headteacher) and in her absence **Mrs Odette Nicholas** (Deputy Headteacher).

Ms C Thomas is the governor with responsibility for Child Protection

If we are concerned that a child may be at risk from significant harm (abuse) or is being abused, school is required to refer their concerns onto Social Care and the police if necessary. In some circumstances this may happen without the consent or knowledge of parents/carers. A statement to this effect has always been included in our School Prospectus for parents.

School also has a responsibility to act upon other concerns that they may have about a child's welfare in circumstances where there are no suspicions of child abuse. Examples of this may be when a child is demonstrating inappropriate behaviour, is involved in bullying, is failing to come to school or where difficulties at home are having an effect upon the child's well-being. However, this list if by no means exhaustive.

In Carmarthenshire, there is an expectation that school will always discuss these issues with parents/carers before deciding upon a course of action to support the child.

Our school has a Safeguarding Policy which explains all the above in much more detail. If you would like to see the full policy, a copy is available on request form the school office.

The school's policy for Safeguarding follows the agreed procedures and guidance for schools issued by the Local Safeguarding Children Board