

If you do not feel you can speak with the school directly, there are other options:

- ◆ **Bury Multi-Agency Support Hub**
0161 253 5678
mcsreply@manchester.gov.uk
- ◆ **The Police**
101
999 if the child is at immediate risk of harm
- ◆ **NSPCC**
0808 800 5000
Text 88858
nspcc.org.uk
help@nspcc.org.uk

Types of abuse:

- ◆ Neglect
- ◆ Domestic Violence/abuse
- ◆ Emotional abuse
- ◆ Physical abuse
- ◆ Sexual abuse
- ◆ Online abuse
- ◆ Grooming
- ◆ Child exploitation
- ◆ Female genital mutilation

There is further information about these in our Safeguarding Policy on the school website.

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Safeguarding



Children

*What do I do if
I am concerned
about a child?*

Parents' Information

Safeguarding at Castlebrook High School

This leaflet gives some information about safeguarding at Castlebrook

(Further information can be found in our Safeguarding Policy on the school website).

The safety and wellbeing of our children is paramount and we will do all that we can to ensure that their time at Castlebrook is as safe happy and healthy as possible.

Castlebrook aims to create and maintain a safe learning environment where all children and adults feel safe, secure and valued and know they will be listened to and taken seriously. Our school is committed to the principles outlined in 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' in the Department for Education's latest guidance and 'Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2016' and implements policies, practices and procedures which promote safeguarding and the emotional and physical wellbeing of children, young people and staff.

The learners have access to appropriate curriculum opportunities, including emotional health and wellbeing, to support the development of the skills needed to help them stay safe and healthy, develop their self-esteem and understand the responsibilities of adult life.

The school works closely with Bury's Safeguarding Children Board, Children's Services and further outside agencies to ensure that we provide our children and families with the appropriate support that they require to live safe and healthy lives.

We will always do what we believe to be in the best interest of the child to ensure their health and safety.

Who do I talk to?

All schools have a Safeguarding policy which tells people what to do if they think a child may be suffering abuse or neglect.

The staff at school are all trained in Safeguarding and learn the signs of abuse/neglect. Also, the school has a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) as well as Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officers (DDSO).

In our case, they are:

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mr W Leyland



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officers

Mr A Fair



Academy Councillor for Safeguarding: Mr G Hirst



Concerns

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child who comes to Castlebrook, you have a duty to report those concerns and safeguard the child.

You can either speak to Mr Leyland (DSL) or contact Bury's Children's Services directly.

You are not expected to make any judgments on whether it is abuse or not.

It is the role of the DSL to decide if child abuse is a consideration or if the information received can be held on file.

Why do you keep concerns on file?

The DSL at school and the Deputy DSLs are trained under national guidelines to make judgements using a strict threshold criteria and if the concerns do not meet the threshold this could be the reason for keeping the concern on file.

Concerns can often be something small and not warrant intervention from Children's Services. However, over a period of time, a collection of small concerns can build a worrying picture. It is when we receive a number of 'small concerns' that we may contact Children's Services to look at the picture it builds and make a judgement on intervention based on them.

Therefore, even the smallest concern, if filed, can help the DSL to gain the information to build a picture that may warrant investigating by Child Protection Services.

Early Help

We will aim to address these concerns via Bury's Early Help Team to prevent the situation from escalating. If we believe that the concerns place a child at risk of immediate harm, then a referral will be made to Children's Services.

What if I still have concerns about a child?

- ◆ Speak to the DSL about the continued concern
- ◆ Ask the Academy Principal to look into the concern
- ◆ Ask the Academy Councillor for Safeguarding to look at the concern
- ◆ Contact Bury's Children's Services to report the concern to them directly