



## Keeping Children Safe: A Guide for Parents and Carers

Welcome to our summary of the Carnarvon Primary School Child Protection Policy for 2025-2026. Our school's motto is "**Work hard, be kind,**" and to achieve this, we are dedicated to creating a safe and supportive environment where every child can flourish.

This guide explains our commitment to keeping your children safe and tells you how we work with you to protect them.

### Our Promise to You and Your Child

At Carnarvon, the safety and well-being of our pupils is our highest priority. Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do, from lessons and pastoral care to after-school clubs. We promise to maintain a culture of **openness, trust, and transparency**, where any concern is taken seriously and handled properly.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and we have a 'whole-school approach' to ensure all staff, governors, volunteers, and even visitors understand their role in protecting children.

### Who are the Key Safeguarding Staff?

If you have any concerns about a child's safety or well-being, you can contact our dedicated safeguarding team.

- **Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):** Andrew Board (Head Teacher).
- **Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:** Jenny Anderson.
- **Additional Safeguarding Leads:** Rose Cartwright and Sarah Ellwood.
- **Safeguarding Governor:** Sally Edmonds.

You can contact the team via the school office at [office@carnarvon.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@carnarvon.notts.sch.uk).

### What Does Our Safeguarding Work Involve?

Our policy covers many areas to ensure your child is protected from all forms of harm. This includes:

- **Training Our Staff:** All our staff receive regular safeguarding training. They are taught to recognise the signs of abuse, neglect, and exploitation and know exactly how to report any concerns immediately.
- **A Safe Curriculum:** We teach children how to stay safe in an age-appropriate way through subjects like Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education and Relationships and Health Education (RHE). Key topics include **online safety, healthy relationships, bullying, and understanding risks**. We want to empower pupils to recognise when something is wrong and know who to talk to.
- **Online Safety:** We have robust **filtering and monitoring systems** to protect children from harmful content online at school. Our curriculum teaches pupils how to use technology responsibly and navigate risks associated with social media, AI, and cyberbullying.
- **Working with You:** We believe that working in partnership with parents is the best way to keep children safe. We will always aim to share concerns with you and work together, unless doing so would put a child at greater risk.

- **Protecting Vulnerable Children:** We provide extra support for children who may be more vulnerable, including those with special educational needs (SEND), young carers, or children in care.
- **Managing Concerns:** We have very clear procedures for staff to report any concern, no matter how small. If a child tells a member of staff something worrying, our staff know to listen carefully, take it seriously, and report it to the safeguarding team straight away.
- **Safe Recruitment and Visitors:** We carry out thorough checks on all staff and regular volunteers before they can work in our school. All visitors must sign in, show identification, and wear a visitor's badge while on site.

### **Contextual Safeguarding: Safety Beyond the School Gates**

We understand that risks to children can exist outside their families, in their friendships, neighbourhoods, or online. We are aware of local issues such as online harms and exploitation, and address these directly in our curriculum and staff training to help children stay safe in the wider community.

### **How You Can Help**

We encourage all parents and carers to contribute to our safeguarding efforts.

- **Talk to Us:** If you have any concerns about a child's safety—your own child or another—please speak to a member of our safeguarding team.
- **Stay Informed:** Read the information we send home about online safety and other safeguarding topics.
- **Reinforce Messages at Home:** Talk to your child about staying safe online and in the community. An open dialogue at home makes a huge difference.

Together, we can ensure Carnarvon Primary School remains a safe and nurturing place for every child to learn and grow.

*This policy was approved by the Governing Body on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 and is reviewed annually. A full version is available on the school website.*