

How do I report a concern?

If you have a concern you **MUST** either:

- Go to the school office and ask to make contact with a member of the Safeguarding team

OR

- Email your concern to

school@victoria-road.kent.sch.uk



For any other significant concern (e.g. a pupil in distress; medical concern or significant behaviour concern) send a pupil immediately to the school office.

Our Child Protection and Safeguarding team at school are:

				
Lead DSL	DSL Deputy Lead	DSL Deputy Lead	DSL Deputy Lead	DSL Deputy Lead
Alice Lewis	Sue Vincent	Kelly Collens	Zana Fletcher	Jill Evans
Inclusion Manager	Family Liaison Officer	Co-Headteacher	Co-Headteacher	Assistant Headteacher



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Safeguarding Information

Information for visitors

You are requested to read and familiarise yourself with the information in this leaflet.

All staff and pupils at Victoria Road Primary School understand the importance of being safe, looking after one another and reporting concerns.

It is everyone's responsibility to report any concerns they may have about a child or adult in school.

Types of Abuse

Types of child abuse are broken down in four distinct categories:

- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse/Child Sexual exploitation
- Emotional abuse/Psychological abuse
- Neglect

It is very hard to state which type of abuse a child or young person may be subject to. However, if you see, hear, are told something or if you have a "gut-feeling" that something isn't quite right, then it is **YOUR DUTY** to report your concern to a member of the Safeguarding team. They will always take your concerns seriously.

Cyberbullying and Online Abuse

At Victoria Road Primary School we understand that it is not just the physical world where pupils may encounter abuse. Young people and adults can also become victims of abuse on the internet and via social media. We encourage our pupils and staff to:

- Keep personal information including pictures online private.
- Keep privacy and security settings to the highest possible level.
- Never arrange to meet someone they have met online
- Report abuse via the school or online via the CEOP website



From the 1st July 2015 the Prevent Duty became law. This is a duty on all schools to have due regard to preventing people being drawn into terrorism. In order to protect children in your care, you must be alert to any reason for concern in the child's life at home or elsewhere. This includes awareness of the expression of extremist views.

At Victoria Road Primary School, staff have been given relevant PREVENT training to understand their duty to report possible radicalisation to the Safeguarding team. Whilst it is very hard to identify if a child or young person is being radicalised, it may be that staff notice changes in behaviour including growing hostility, expressed opinions that may include extremist views or a gut feeling that something isn't quite right. If you witness or become aware of such behaviour, please report it to a member of the team immediately.

