

# Crockerton C of E Primary School

## Safeguarding Newsletter 1: Safeguarding, Attendance and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

### Our Commitment

Crockerton C of E Primary School is committed to providing a caring, friendly, safe and Christian environment for all our pupils so that they can learn in an atmosphere of mutual respect and co-operation.

Crockerton School prioritises safeguarding and the promotion of the welfare of children and young people. We ensure that all our recruitment and employment practices reflect this commitment. The safety and wellbeing of every child in the care of Crockerton School is our absolute priority. We expect all of our staff, pupils, parents, governors, visitors, contractors and third-party professionals to share this view. The safeguarding and protection of children is everyone's responsibility.

The term "Designated Safeguarding Lead" (DSL) is used in the Department for Education's Keeping Children Safe in Education document and refers to the person accountable for overseeing the safety and wellbeing of the children in their care. The role of the DSL must be fulfilled by a member of the school's senior leadership team to ensure that they have appropriate authority and status to provide advice and support to other staff on child welfare and child protection matters.

If you have a concern about a child, please contact a DSL.

If your concern is about an adult working or volunteering in the school, you should contact the Nic Ilic, Head Teacher, [head@crockerton.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:head@crockerton.wilts.sch.uk)

If your concern is about the Headteacher, you should contact the chair of governors, Gussie Kerr-Bonner [gussie.kerr-bonner@crockerton.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:gussie.kerr-bonner@crockerton.wilts.sch.uk)

If you have significant safeguarding concerns about someone who is working or volunteering with children and young people, call 0300 456 0108 and ask to speak to the Designated Officer for Allegations (DOFA) for advice, or email [dofaservice@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:dofaservice@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Or 0300 456 0100 - Out of hours service

### Meet the Designated Safeguarding Team:

The Safeguarding Team oversee and coordinate all aspects of the school's work to ensure that children are kept safe. They regularly attend training to ensure their skills and knowledge are up-to-date.

#### Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs Nic Ilic

#### Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs Kate Woodley

#### School Safeguarding Governor:

Mr Nick Martin

#### Mental Health Lead:

Miss Charlotte Sides

#### Mental Health Gov:

Mr Matthew Young

#### Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Gov:

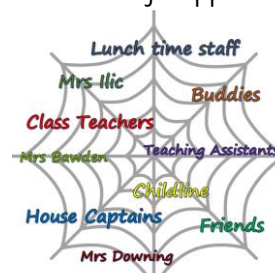
Mr Tony South

All can be contacted via the office  
01985 212168

For a copy of our school's Child Protection Policy, please visit the Safeguarding Page of the school website.

[https://crockertonprimary.eschools.co.uk/web/safeguarding\\_information/631650](https://crockertonprimary.eschools.co.uk/web/safeguarding_information/631650)

### Our Web of Support



The Equality Act became law in 2010. It covers everyone in Britain and protects people from discrimination, harassment and victimisation because of the protected characteristics that we all have.

Under the Equality Act, there are nine protected characteristics. We are committed to ensuring equality of opportunity for all pupils, staff, parents and carers irrespective of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race and culture, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.

## ATTENDANCE

We are sure that like us, you as parents and carers realise the importance of attendance and punctuality. At Crockerton School we continue to work hard to maintain our excellent attendance levels and to reduce incidences of lateness.

Attendance facts:

- All schools must report their termly attendance percentages to the local authority.
- Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure that their child receives a full-time education.
- Parents can be issued with a fixed penalty notice for failing to ensure their child attends school regularly – this includes taking a child out of school on holiday.
- The local authority has the power to prosecute parents in the magistrate's court for the offence of failing to ensure their child attends school regularly.
- If your child arrives after 9am we are required to mark them as 'Late' and therefore have an unauthorised absence – arriving after 9am once in a week brings their attendance down to 90% for that week.

There is much evidence to show that good attendance plays a vital role in helping your child to achieve their potential. We also know that poor attendance can lead to other problems for children. Children who do not attend school regularly are more likely to:

- Fall behind in their school work
- Find it difficult to make and keep friends
- Be unhappy at school
- Misbehave so that others cannot see that they are finding the work difficult
- Learn poor attendance habits that follow through to secondary school and future employment

Poor punctuality can also disadvantage children in many ways:

- Being frequently late adds up to lost learning. For example, arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks of the year
- When children are late they find it harder to settle into the routine of the day
- When children arrive late they often miss key messages and teaching which continues to have an effect on their learning for the rest of the lesson or day
- Poor punctuality disrupts the class and is embarrassing for the child
- Your child being late disturbs the learning of the whole class

Getting here on time every day really is important in helping your child to become a happy and successful learner. Every day really does count!



**Wiltshire Safeguarding  
Vulnerable People Partnership**

[Click here](#) for the website

The Safeguarding Vulnerable People Partnership (SVPP) are the multi-agency safeguarding arrangements in Wiltshire. The SVPP was established in February 2019 in response to [Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018](#) which required that local safeguarding partners set out arrangements to work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of local children including identifying and responding to their needs. The safeguarding partners are the Local Authority, Clinical Commissioning Group and the Police. They have a shared and equal duty to make arrangements to work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children and adults in a local area (as set out in [Working Together 2018](#) and the [Care Act 2014](#))