



Safeguarding Statement

Safeguarding our Pupils

At Loudwater Combined School, the health, safety and well-being of every child are our paramount concerns. We listen to our pupils and take seriously what they tell us. Our school procedures for safeguarding children are in line with Buckinghamshire County Council and Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board Child Protection Procedures, "Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018" and "Keeping Children Safe in Education" 2021 and statutory guidance issued under section 29 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

We recognise school plays a significant part in the prevention of harm to our children by providing them with effective lines of communication with trusted adults, supportive friends and an ethos of protection. We include within this the emotional wellbeing of our students and recognise the role school plays in recognising and preventing the political indoctrination of pupils either by self-radicalisation or through exposure to extremist views.

To provide a safe environment for pupils, we practice safer recruitment procedures, which includes all checks on staff and regular volunteers' suitability, including disclosure and barring checks, as recommended by Bucks County Council in accordance with current legislation. In accordance with our responsibilities under section 175 of the Education Act 2002, we have a Designated Person for Child Protection (Mrs C Cunnington) who has received appropriate training for this role. It is her responsibility to ensure that all staff in contact with children receive child protection awareness training on a regular basis.

On rare occasions our concern about a child may mean that we have to consult other agencies even before we contact you. The procedures, which we follow, have been laid down by the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children's Partnership, and the school has adopted a Safeguarding Policy in line with this for the safety of all. If you want to know more about our procedures or the policy, please speak to the head teacher or your child's class teacher.

If you are concerned about a child please speak to us at school or see the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children's Partnership guidance:

<https://www.buckssafeguarding.org.uk/childrenpartnership/>

Designated Person for Child Protection is: Mrs C Cunnington (Head teacher)

Deputy Designated Person for Child Protection is Mrs B Welland (Deputy Head teacher)

Governor with responsibility for Child Protection is Mr P Randall (Chair of Governors)