

CHILD PROTECTION

The shared responsibility of the community
at The Laurels Primary School

At The Laurels Primary School, child protection is the highest priority for all staff. We are committed to protecting our children and safeguarding them in school. The photographs below show the safeguarding team here



		
Miss Elsdon (Designated Safeguarding Lead / Designated Teacher)	Miss Bull (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead / Prevent Duty Lead)	Mr Alderton (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)
		
Mr Benham (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)	Mrs Jones (Lead Governor for Child Protection)	

School's role

A child should be able to go to school and feel safe so that they can achieve their very best.

- Anybody who works or volunteers at The Laurels will be checked by the Police (vetted) to make sure they are safe to work with children and then trained to safeguard children.
- The school has a Designated Safeguarding Lead, Miss Bull and three Deputy Safeguarding Leads who have had extra training to know what to do when a concern is brought to them by a parent, child, visitor or staff member.
- We will always listen to you and work closely with you if we are concerned about your child but, in very rare instances, we may not be able to discuss our concern. The school has a safeguarding policy based on the model policy from West Sussex County Council which tells you more about when we must speak to the police or children's services. Please see our school website for the policy or ask for a copy from the school office
- We will help your child to learn about keeping themselves safe. Lessons can include healthy eating, anti-bullying, e-safety, road safety, healthy relationships, drug and alcohol awareness. As part of these lessons your child will be told what to do if they are worried or concerned about their safety.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. In these exceptional times we need our community to come together and look after one another. So if you see something or hear something that worries you, please say something.

Trained professionals from police, children's services and health are on hand to offer advice and act where needed. The Integrated Front Door is open Monday-Friday, 9- 5pm on 01403 229900. Outside of hours you can make an online referral.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/keeping-children-safe/raise-a-concern-about-a-child/>

School parent partnership

- Attendance—your child's attendance is monitored daily and significant absences are always followed up by the attendance officer, Mr Alderton. The school has an attendance policy that you can read on the policies page of our website or ask for a copy from the school office.
- The Laurels has clear behaviour rules for the whole school community that must be followed to keep everyone safe and happy. We understand that children do sometimes fall out and this will be dealt with by a member of staff who will listen to the children involved and help resolve the situation.
- Bullying —The school takes all cases of bullying very seriously and will work with children and families to try and resolve any problems. The school has an anti-bullying policy on our website.
- Health and Safety—Everyone at The Laurels has a responsibility to keep adults and children work in a safe environment. The school has a clear health and safety policy which everyone must follow. The school have fully trained first aiders to deal with any accidents and administer medicines in school.
- E-safety - The school recognises that technology plays an important roll in the education of or children and is committed to safeguarding children in the virtual world. To support parents, the school shares e-safety information to help keep your children safe both in school and at home.
- Parent conduct policy—to keep children, visitors and staff safe on site, we have a parent conduct policy to ensure everyone in the community feels safe, valued and protected. This policy is on our website.

If you think someone is in immediate danger, call 999 for the police



Other resources

For help and guidance
about being safe
online



<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/your-mind-matters/>

Domestic abuse <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/domestic-abuse/> or ask to use the Safe Space in Boots in Goring Road —a safe and discrete way to access support information or Bright Sky.

Getting help early

Children of any age can experience problems at times, and parents or carers can't always meet their needs by themselves. When children do require some extra support it's always best to put help in place as soon as it is needed. There are people around who can provide advice, guidance and support, for example:

- Midwives
- Health Visitors
- GPs
- Children Centre workers
- Nursery workers
- Teachers
- Other workers you might be in contact with such as Youth Workers, PSCOs or Housing Officers

If you are looking for support you can contact the Integrated Front door
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<https://www.westsussexscp.org.uk/parents-carers>