

IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE WELFARE OF A CHILD WHO YOU KNOW

Everyone has a responsibility to report any concerns they have that a child is being neglected or abused. Professionals can only become involved in helping a child, if we know that the family is having problems. We need people to tell us about their concerns. You don't have to give us your name if you do not want to.

If you have any concerns about a child there are a number of ways you can let Child Services know. You can speak in confidence to a professional you know, e.g. Headteacher, teacher, staff at the children's centre, a health visitor or doctor, and they will ensure your worries are passed on and the child's situation is looked into.

If you are so worried that you feel immediate action is needed please contact the numbers below.

WHO TO CONTACT:

Social Services:	0808 1001727
Contact and Referrals Team:	01443 873514/5

In an emergency you should always ring 999

If you have any doubts about sharing or reporting your concerns

Don't think what if I'm Wrong - Think What if I'm Right

Keeping Children Safe is Everybody's Business

RISCA
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Safeguarding / Child Protection



Safe children, safe lives
cscb@caerphilly.gov.uk
0808 100 1727

School Information Leaflet



All schools have a legal duty to work with other agencies, for example social care and the police, to safeguard children's welfare.

This leaflet will explain to you what that means in practice. It also tells you where you can get more information, contact numbers and help. (Website addresses in this leaflet)

Risca Primary School has a senior member of staff who is responsible for child protection matters affecting pupils at the school. Mrs J Arthur (Headteacher) is the designated person for Child Protection and in her absence, Mrs A Brett-Harris (Deputy Headteacher). Mr O Jones is the Child Protection / Safeguarding Governor.

Risca Primary School has procedures which explain how we deal with child protection concerns, plus other safeguarding policies including managing allegations or concerns about the behaviour of members of staff. You can ask for copies of these procedures from the school office.



www.childline.org.uk

What is Child Protection and Safeguarding?

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is:

- Protecting children from abuse and neglect;
- Preventing impairment of their health or development; and
- Ensuring that they receive safe and effective care;

... so as to enable them to have optimum life chances.

Child protection is a part of safeguarding and promoting welfare. This refers to the activity which is undertaken to protect specific children who are suffering or are at risk of suffering significant harm as a result of abuse or neglect.

Caerphilly Safeguarding Children Board
www.caerphilly.gov.uk/cscb/english

TYPES OF ABUSE

Physical Abuse

May involve hitting, shaking, throwing, poisoning, burning or scalding, drowning, suffocating, or otherwise causing physical harm to a child.

Emotional Abuse

Is the persistent emotional ill treatment of a child such as to cause severe and persistent adverse effects on the child's emotional development. It may involve conveying to a child that they are worthless or unloved, inadequate or valued only in so far as they meet the needs of another person.

Sexual Abuse

Involves forcing or enticing a child or young person to take part in sexual activities, whether or not the child is aware of what is happening.

Neglect

Is the persistent failure to meet a child's basic physical and/or psychological needs, likely to result in the serious impairment of the child's health or development. It may involve a parent or caregiver failing to provide adequate food, shelter and clothing, failing to protect a child from physical harm or danger, or treatment.

What happens if we have concerns in school?

We must follow the law and guidance from the Welsh Government. We must follow the

- All Wales Child Protection Guidance
- Our own safeguarding policies

If we are worried about whether a pupil is suffering harm or if a child discloses something to us that raises a concern, we must refer this on to a social worker.

We do not have to contact you if we think that this could put a child, young person or ourselves at increased risk of harm. We will take advice from social workers about when to speak to parents.

When we refer a child protection concern to a social worker, we must share all relevant information about the pupil. The Data Protection Act allows us to share personal information with other agencies when there are child protection concerns about a child or young person.

IF WE ARE CONCERNED - WE WILL REFER

www.awcpp.org.uk