

Woodside Academy



Safeguarding Statement 2025-26

Woodside Academy is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all pupils.

We believe every child has the right to learn in a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment, free from all forms of harm, abuse, and neglect. Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do — from classroom practice to community engagement — and is a core part of our school's ethos. What Safeguarding Means at Woodside:

- Protection from abuse, neglect, exploitation, and bullying
- Feeling safe and respected by peers and adults
- Being listened to and having trusted adults to talk to
- Knowing that staff are trained, vigilant, and responsive

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs)

If you have any concerns about a child's safety or well-being, please speak with one of our trained DSLs:

- Ms Ryder – Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
- Mrs Wing – Deputy DSL
- Mrs Joiner – Deputy DSL
- Mr Radford - Deputy DSL

You can contact the DSL team via the school office.

Our Safeguarding Approach:

- We have a clear Child Protection Policy and safeguarding procedures in place, in line with *Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE)* and local safeguarding partnership guidelines.
- All staff receive regular safeguarding training and are aware of the signs of abuse or neglect.
- We use CPOMS to record and report safeguarding concerns accurately and promptly

Working in Partnership:

Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with external agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. In most circumstances, we will discuss concerns with the pupil's parent/carer before doing so. However, if we believe that such contact could place the child at greater risk, we may proceed without parental consultation, in line with safeguarding procedures

Allegations Against Staff:

If any concern arises regarding the behaviour or conduct of a member of staff, this will be reported to the DSL and escalated to the principal. If the concern relates to the principal, it will be reported to the Chair of Governors, who will determine the next appropriate steps.