



The Bellbird Primary School

Safeguarding and Child Protection Statement 2026

At The Bellbird Primary School, the safety, welfare and wellbeing of every child is our highest priority. We are committed to providing a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment where every child is respected, valued and supported to achieve their full potential. Our CARE values – Curiosity, Ambition, Respect and Empathy – underpin our safeguarding culture and the positive relationships we build with pupils, families and the wider community.

Our Commitment

The school fulfils its statutory safeguarding duties in accordance with the Education Act 2002, the Children Acts 1989 and 2004, the Data Protection Act 2018, the UK GDPR, the latest edition of Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE), Working Together to Safeguard Children and the procedures of the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Safeguarding Children Partnership.

All staff, governors, volunteers and visitors share a collective responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. All staff receive safeguarding and child protection training, know how to recognise the signs of abuse and neglect, and understand their responsibility to report concerns immediately to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or a Deputy DSL.

Working with Families

We believe that safeguarding is most effective when schools and families work together. Where appropriate, we will discuss concerns with parents or carers before making a referral to Children's Social Care. However, there are occasions when seeking consent or informing parents could place a child at increased risk of harm, lead to the loss of evidence or compromise an investigation. In these circumstances, the school has a legal duty to share information without consent in line with statutory safeguarding guidance.

Information Sharing

Records of safeguarding concerns may be kept about a child where necessary. Information is shared securely, sensitively and only with professionals who need it to safeguard children. Where special category personal data is processed, this is

undertaken in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and UK GDPR safeguarding provisions.

Responding to Concerns

Where there is reasonable cause to suspect that a child is suffering, or is likely to suffer, significant harm, the school will contact Children's Social Care and, where appropriate, the Police without delay. The welfare of the child is always our paramount consideration. Occasionally concerns may subsequently prove to be unfounded; however, staff are expected to act professionally and in the best interests of children whenever concerns arise.

On rare occasions, and where it is necessary to safeguard a child, the school may need to keep a child in school while Children's Social Care and/or the Police are contacted and appropriate arrangements are made.

Designated Safeguarding Leads

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are identified on the school's website and are available through the school office. If you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a child, please contact the school immediately.

Further Information

Please refer to the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, Staff Code of Conduct, Whistleblowing Policy and Online Safety information for further details of our safeguarding arrangements.