

Reporting Concerns

If you suspect a child is being abused or is in danger of being abused, please contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mrs Woodward) or any member of staff who will pass on your concerns

You can also contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on: 01902 555392

Out of Hours service: 01902 552999

Useful Acronyms and Vocabulary

DSL: Designated Safeguarding Lead

MASH: Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub

CP: Child Protection

CiN: Child in Need

KCSIE: Keeping Children Safe in Education

PREVENT: Part of the Government's Counterterrorism Strategy to stop people being drawn in to extremism

CAMHS: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

Social Media

We are responding to an increasing number of incidents that are occurring online. Whilst there are many benefits to pupils having access to the online world, it comes with many risks, especially if their use is unsupervised. Studies have found that excessive use of social media increases a young person's susceptibility to depression, anxiety, poor body image and self worth. It can also impact a child's sleep routine, which in turn can affect their ability to concentrate and thrive in school.

Age restrictions of Social Media Apps

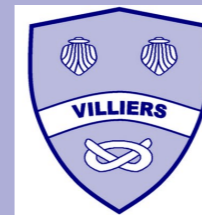
Please be mindful that social media apps are not appropriate for pupils under the age of 13. Below are the age restrictions for the most popular apps:

WhatsApp— 16 years +

Instagram— 13 years +

Facebook— 13 years +

Snapchat— 13 years +



Meet the Designated Safeguarding Team:

The Safeguarding Team oversee and coordinate all aspects of the school's work to ensure that children are kept safe. They regularly attend training to ensure their skills and knowledge are up-to-date.



Designated Safeguarding Lead: .

Mrs Woodward

Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead

Mrs L Rogers

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What is Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

Safeguarding means:

- Protecting children from abuse and maltreatment
- Preventing harm to children's health or development
- Ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcomes.

Child protection is one part of the safeguarding process. It focuses on protecting individual children identified as suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. This includes child protection procedures that detail how to respond to concerns about a child. Safeguarding children and child protection applies to all children up to the age of 18.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, every day.

Safe4me Website and Resources

Safe4me is a free resource and information library to support schools, colleges, youth service partners and parents. It has been created by Hampshire Constabulary and is part of their ongoing commitment to working in partnership to educate and safeguard children and young people.

There is a wide selection of resources covering everything from County Lines, Drugs, FGM to Sexting and a whole host of other topics, which are now requirements under the new RSHE/RSE statutory guidelines. You can find the website at www.safe4me.co.uk

Wellbeing Books for Primary Pupils

What's Going On Inside My Head? is a book for primary pupils which talks about positive self-image, emotional intelligence, relationships and mindfulness, this book will help children develop healthy habits and good coping strategies from the start. Presented in a warm, child-friendly but no-nonsense way it will help establish solid foundations for every child's current and future wellbeing.

Happy Confident Me is a daily journal for children aged 6-10. It includes different questions and quotes every day and promotes increased happiness, self-confidence, optimism, growth mindset, resilience and gratitude. Developed by a Psychotherapist and a Parenting Expert, this journal can be used by parents to support their children at home.