

Nothing is more important than children's welfare. Everyone who works with children has a responsibility for keeping them safe. No single practitioner can have a full picture of a child's needs and circumstances and, if children and families are to receive the right help at the right time, everyone who comes into contact with them has a role to play in identifying concerns, sharing information and taking prompt action.

(Working Together to Safeguard Children, HM Government)

At Ashfield Infant and Nursery School we aim to safeguard and promote our pupils welfare, safety and health. The children will be guided by fostering an open, honest, caring and supportive climate. Our pupils' welfare and well-being are of paramount importance.

We believe in involving the children in decision-making in school. This includes activities within the curriculum, SMSC (spiritual, moral, social and cultural education) and School Council.

If a child says or otherwise communicates something that contradicts or conflicts with the parents/carers account of their health or welfare, then we all have a clear duty of care to ensure that any discrepancies are properly investigated and explained.

We will make any referrals necessary to ensure the well-being of all children is safeguarded.

The Education Act (2002) states that: "The Governing Body.....shall make arrangements for ensuring that their functions relating to the conduct of the school are exercised with a view to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children....."

The Designated person with responsibility for safeguarding is:

**Mrs Field (DSL)**

The Deputy designated person with responsibility for safeguarding is:

**Mrs Ives (DDSL)**

**The Governor with responsibility for safeguarding is:**

**Mrs Helen Earl**

The Governors with the responsibility for safer recruitment are: **Mrs H Reay/Mrs P Ives**

A copy of our Child Protection/Safeguarding Policy is available for parents to view in school.

It is also available on the school website: [www.ashfieldinf.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.ashfieldinf.cumbria.sch.uk)

As always, but especially with regard to safeguarding, if you would like to discuss any matter with a member of staff, please call in, telephone or email us.

In addition the school will fully comply with national and local statutory duties and guidance. In Ashfield Infant and Nursery School we adhere to Cumbria's Childrens' Safeguarding Partnership.



<https://cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk/professionals/hub/whattodoifyouhaveconcernsaboutachild.asp>

The staff at Ashfield Infant and Nursery School are in a good position to keep a watchful eye on children and their safety and to protect them from abuse and neglect. **If they have concerns they must** inform the Designated Safeguarding Lead or DSL (Mrs Field) immediately or in her absence Mrs Ives (Deputy DSL).

All referrals will be made through customer advisers/duty social workers who are based at the Safeguarding Hub in Penrith which covers the whole of Cumbria.

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The telephone number of this 24 hour service is:

Anybody with a concern about a child in Cumbria can contact Children's Services on this single number 0333 240 1727.

Emergency calls during evenings and weekends will be answered by the emergency duty team that can be contacted on the same number.



**Ashfield Infant and Nursery School.**

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**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.  
Help us to keep all our children safe.**

## **Safeguarding all Children in Ashfield Infant School**



Mrs R Field  
Headteacher



Mrs P Ives  
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Johnstone  
Teacher



Mrs M Coulthard  
Office Manager

***An information leaflet for  
visitors, parents and carers.***

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