

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

If you have any concerns about a child  
you can speak to a  
Duty Social Worker  
who is based in  
Cumbria Safeguarding Hub

0333 240 1727 (day or night)



Lots of information about safeguarding  
and child protection is available on  
our website at:  
[www.victoriaschool.org.uk](http://www.victoriaschool.org.uk)

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# Safeguarding & Child Protection Information



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Victoria School recognises the importance it gives to all pupils' welfare and safeguarding.

The purpose of this leaflet is to share with you our excellent safeguarding practice and the responsibility we ALL have to safeguard ALL pupils.

“No single professional can have a full picture of a child's need 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, Government 2023)*

The school's Child Protection Policy applies to all staff and other adults, working in school. The safety and welfare of all children is the responsibility of everyone working in school.

The Deputy Head, Mr Robertson is the Designated Safeguarding Lead with responsibility for safeguarding and child protection.

Copies of the policy are available on request or from the school website.

Victoria School is committed to the welfare of our children and we regard the safeguarding of children as paramount.

In terms of safeguarding, we always think about what is in the best interests of the child.

The school works to safeguard children through;

- Safe processes-the school's policies are there to safeguard children.
- Establishing and maintaining a safe environment where children feel secure and will be listened to in an open and positive atmosphere.
- Ensuring that children know that there are named adults in school who they can approach if they are worried or in difficulty.
- Including in the curriculum, activities and opportunities for PSHE, drugs education, anti-bullying initiatives, online safety etc which equip children with the skills they need to stay safe from abuse.
- Making any referrals necessary to protect the well-being of a pupil.
- Encouraging a high level of attendance and excellent punctuality.
- A commitment to developing productive, supportive relationships with parents
- Involving children in decision making through the School Council.
- Ensuring that all adults who work in school have high quality safeguarding training which is regularly updated.

‘Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play in safeguarding children. School staff are particularly important as they are in a position to identify concerns early and provide help for children to prevent concerns from escalating.

Schools and their staff form part of the wider safeguarding system for children and should work with social care, the police & health services to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.’

*(Keeping Children Safe in Education – 2024)*

Further information and guidance on the procedures can be found on the Cumbria Local Safeguarding Children's Board website: [www.cumbrialscb.com](http://www.cumbrialscb.com)

Other useful websites include:  
[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)  
[www.barnados.org.uk](http://www.barnados.org.uk)  
[www.bullying.co.uk](http://www.bullying.co.uk)  
[www.parentlineplus.org.uk](http://www.parentlineplus.org.uk)  
[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

For help and support referrals can be made to the child and adolescent Mental Health team (CAMHS)  
TEL: 01900 705800