

Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding

All staff in the EYFS follow the safeguarding procedures and policies as part of Beech Hill School.

All our nursery practitioners and teaching assistants, plus a number of class teachers working in the EYFS are first aid trained. All first aid administered is recorded in the accident book. After recording the incident, a copy of the form is sent home to inform parents.

Mrs Hussain (Headteacher) is the Designated Safeguarding Lead and all staff are aware of reporting any and every safeguarding concerns. Staff receive annual safeguarding training to ensure their knowledge of the safeguarding requirements are up to date.

We adhere to the strict adult to child ratios outlined in the statutory guidance for the EYFS at all times. The children and floor space ratio does not exceed and the environment is regularly risk assessed by staff, the EYFS lead and the premises officer. All areas are kept clean and tidy and the kitchen, toilets, sink areas and equipment are cleaned and activities (including water tray) are reset every day to ensure cleanliness and hygiene.

Children have daily access to fruit, milk, water and toast – this is on a self-service station which is monitored by staff.

Children take part in the NHS toothbrushing scheme every day to ensure the wellbeing of their oral hygiene. All staff are trained in this.

Staff attend home and pre-school visits to all new starters at Beech Hill School. We have ongoing links with all nursery providers and previous settings.

Communication with parents/carers is efficient via the use of Seesaw messaging, the noticeboard, phone calls and face-to-face communication on arrival and drop off times.

Medication e.g. inhalers/creams have the correct paperwork filled in and they are stored in a safe and secure place with the correct staff administering them when necessary – also reporting this to parents.

Both sets of toilets are within the setting, staff can be seen at all times when supporting children with toileting and changing.

Mobile phones are locked away during class times.

Spare clothes including coats and overalls for outdoor use are available in case children attend school without one.

An attendance chart is used to monitor attendance in both Nursery and Reception classes and reasons for absence are followed up every time, resulting in communications with the school attendance officer if necessary.

Safeguarding in the EYFS is paramount as young children can be the most vulnerable, therefore any slight concerns are immediately addressed.