



Potten End C of E Primary School

Safeguarding Statement

Potten End C of E Primary School follows the procedures established by the Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Board which is a guide to procedure and practice for all agencies in Hertfordshire working with children and their families.

School staff and volunteers are particularly well placed to observe outward signs of abuse, changes in behaviour and failure to develop because they have daily contact with children.

All school staff and volunteers receive safeguarding children training, so that they are knowledgeable and aware of their role in the early recognition of the indicators of abuse or neglect and of the appropriate procedures to follow. This training is refreshed every three years. The Designated Senior Person delivers an annual update to all staff and Governors. Temporary staff are made aware of the safeguarding policies and procedures by the Designated Senior Person.

At Potten End C of E Primary School, we strive to:

- Establish and maintain an environment where children feel secure, are encouraged to talk, and are listened to when they have a worry or concern.
- Establish and maintain an environment where school staff and volunteers feel safe, are encouraged to talk and are listened to when they have concerns about the safety and well-being of a child.
- Ensure children know that there are adults in the school whom they can approach if they are worried.
- Ensure that children who have been abused will be supported in line with a child protection plan, where deemed necessary.
- Include opportunities in the PSHE curriculum for children to develop the skills they need to recognise and stay safe from abuse.
- Contribute to the five outcomes which are key to children's wellbeing:
 - be healthy
 - stay safe
 - enjoy and achieve
 - make a positive contribution
 - achieve economic wellbeing

The Designated Senior Person is **Denise Kennedy**

The Deputy Designated Senior Persons are **Vicki Ford, Melanie Hall,**
and **Karen Sharpling**