



Stow Primary School

Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy- August 2024

*Child protection has to be seen in the context of the wider **Getting It Right For Every Child (GIRFEC)** and the **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child**. GIRFEC promotes action to improve the wellbeing of all children and young people in eight areas. These wellbeing indicators state that young people must be healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible, included, and, above all in this context, safe. The primary indicator for child protection is to keep a child safe.*

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Principles:

- The protection of students in the care of Stow Primary School is of paramount importance in all that we do as a school.
- A **Child Protection Officer (CPO)** shall be identified clearly, and this should be made clear to all staff in the school. The current CPO is **Mrs Magda Robertson (Head Teacher)**
- All staff shall receive training in Child Protection at regular intervals according to the recommendations of the **SBC Child Protection Policy**. Well-maintained records of this training shall be kept by the CPO.
- **Procedure at Stow Primary School:**
Any concerns about a student's welfare must be immediately discussed with the Child Protection Officer – **Mrs Magda Robertson (Head Teacher)**. If a student makes a disclosure, the following must be adhered to:
 1. Reassure the student that the school will support them.
 2. Do not promise to keep the information confidential; explain that details must be passed on.
 3. Listen, rather than ask direct questions. Do not ask any leading questions.
 4. Be calm and non-judgemental even if the information is serious and upsetting.
 5. Make brief and accurate notes.
 6. Act on the information immediately. Speak to **Mrs Magda Robertson (Head Teacher)**

Report your concerns

To ensure the child you are concerned about gets help they need quickly, phone:

- During office hours: **01896 662787**
- Out of hours: **01896 752111**

If you consider a child is in immediate danger, phone the Police on 999 without delay.