

What happens if we are concerned that a child or young person is at risk of harm?

If we are concerned that a child or a young person is at risk of harm or abuse, we are duty bound to follow our child protection procedures and share our concerns with one of the core child protection agencies – Health, Police or Social Work.

The care agency will act as an advisor to the school.

The care agency will recommend and take the appropriate and necessary action.

Nursery Values

Throughout the Nursery, we promote our values of:

- **Friendly** - I show compassion towards others and am considerate of their feelings.
- **Successful** - I am considerate and courteous to others.
- **Respectful** - I try my best individually and as a team member

Our school community is a family community, where children are nurtured within a warm and positive environment. High standards of behaviour and effort are expected. The staff work as a team, supporting each other to provide quality teaching to enable your child to learn effectively. We acknowledge your key role in your child's educational and emotional development and invite you to work in partnership with us.

Mid Calder Primary School Aims

School staff have clearly defined aims which complement the four capacities expressed in a Curriculum for Excellence, viz. Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Responsible Citizens and Effective Contributors.

The school aims to care for each child and strives to create an environment in which they feel safe, happy, confident and valued as an individual. It also aims to co-operate with home and the larger community to provide a balanced educational experience with emphasis on the acquisition of basic skills. It is expected that when pupils leave Mid Calder, they will continue the important process of preparation for responsible citizenship and engage in lifelong learning.

We aim to develop natural skills, and maintain the significantly high levels of attainment and achievement, where each pupil learns to appreciate their talents and are prepared to use them in future life, be they intellectual, physical or artistic.

There is a place for each of us in the world and we hope that each child leaves Mid Calder with a sense of fulfilment and a feeling that he/she has succeeded.

Mid Calder Nursery School



Child Protection Information

The children's charter states that:

As children and young people, we have a right to be protected and be safe from harm from others. Whenever, we have difficulties, we have a right to expect you to:

- Get to know us
- Speak with us
- Listen to us
- Take us seriously
- Involve us
- Respect our privacy
- Be responsible to us
- Think about our lives as a whole
- Think carefully about how you use the information about us
- Put us in touch with the right people
- Use your power to help
- Make things happen when they should
- Help us to be safe

The charter also promises the young people of Scotland that if they are at risk of abuse or neglect, then they will:

- Get the help they need when they need it
- Be seen by a professional such as a teacher, doctor or social worker to make sure they are alright and not put at more risk
- Be listened to seriously, and professionals will use their power to help
- Be able to discuss issues in private
- Be involved with and help to understand decisions
- Have a named person to help them

Under the charter, those helping young people will:

- Share information to protect children
- Minimise disruption to children's lives
- Work together effectively
- Be confident, competent and properly trained
- Try to continually improve what is being done

All children in Scotland have a right to be safe, nurtured, healthy, achieving, active, included, respected and responsible.

What does this mean for us in school?

- All adults who work with children in schools have a duty to protect children and ensure their safety
- All adults who work in West Lothian schools are trained in child protection
- All staff who work in West Lothian schools follow the Edinburgh, Lothian and Borders Child Protection Procedures
- The protection and well-being of young people is at the heart of all decisions in school
- We work with other agencies to protect our children.