

Federation of Shevington Community, Shevington Vale and Millbrook Primary Schools

Safeguarding and Child Protection Statement – January 2017

1. We recognise that school plays significant part in the prevention of harm to children by providing them with good lines of communication with trusted adults, supportive friends and an ethos of protection.
2. We recognise that all adults, including temporary staff, volunteers and governors, have a full and active part to play in protecting our pupils from harm, and that the child's welfare is our paramount concern.
3. All staff believe that our school provides a caring, positive safe and stimulating environment that promotes the social, physical and moral development of the individual child.
4. The Designated Child Protection Officer (DCPO) for the Federation is Mrs Gill Smith who is a member of the Senior Leadership Team.
5. Each school base has a Deputy DCPO.
Shevington Community Primary – Mrs Gill Smith, Assistant Head teacher
Shevington Community Primary – Miss Jenna Willett, Teacher
Milestones Pre-school – Mrs Jennie Alker, Childcare Business Manager
Shevington Vale Primary – Mrs Karen Tomlinson, Executive Head teacher
Millbrook Primary – Mrs Catherine Stevens, Associate Head teacher
6. All members of staff and volunteers receive regular updates and training, including e safety and recognising the signs and indicators of abuse.
7. We support all children by:
 - Encouraging self esteem and self assertiveness, through our curriculum and personal relationships, whilst not condoning aggression or bullying
 - Liaising and working together with all other support services and agencies involved in the safeguarding of children
 - Following all the necessary procedures to ensure the safety of all children in our care, including referrals for an Early Help Assessment when it is identified that there are low level concerns or emerging needs. We contact Social Care as soon as there is a significant concern.
8. We recognise that all matters relating to child protection are confidential. Information is disclosed about a child to members of staff on a need to know basis only.
9. All staff know that they have a professional responsibility to share information with other agencies in order to safeguard children.
10. We acknowledge that staff must only ever use physical intervention as a last resort, when a child is endangering him/herself or others, and that at all times it must be the minimal force necessary to prevent injury to another person.

