



THE PRIORY PRIMARY ACADEMY TRUST PTA	DATE AGREED	NOVEMBER 2020
POLICY AND PROCEDURE STATEMENT	REVISION DATE	NOVEMBER 2021
 <h2 style="color: blue;">The Priory School PTA</h2> <p style="color: red;"><i>Help Us To Help The Children</i></p> 		
<h1 style="color: blue;">Safeguarding Policy</h1>		
CHAIR OF PTA COMMITTEE	BEN CANDY	
SECRETARY OF PTA COMMITTEE	SIMONE WHITE	
TREASURER OF PTA COMMITTEE	CARA ROGERS	
PTA SAFEGUARDING LINK	BEN CANDY & SIMONE WHITE	

The health and safety of all children is of paramount importance and must be considered in respect of all events organised by the Priory School PTA ('the PTA').

School Safeguarding Policies

The Priory Primary School has a wide range of measures and policies in place to ensure a secure environment is provided in which pupils can flourish. These are all available to view on the school website and have been updated and verified by the full governing body.

The schools designated Safeguarding Leader (DSL) is Mrs Debra Adams. Other trained Designated Safeguarding Leads are Mr Mike Stewart, Mrs Angela Selwood and Mrs Carol Coe. The governor responsible for safeguarding is Mrs Prubie Sahota.

The PTA support and abide by these policies and all members of the PTA must abide by the School's policies when on the school site and actively ensure they are followed by others.

PTA Events

1. The Priory School PTA will ensure that child safeguarding is considered for every event that is held. A risk assessment which incorporates safeguarding will be prepared which will be reviewed and approved by both the Chairperson and Head or Deputy Head of the school.
2. Specific points highlighted in the risk assessment will be communicated to key volunteers at the event (these individuals to be determined by the event organisers).
3. First Aid arrangements will be included as part of the risk assessment for any event. Should a child be injured or taken unwell during an event, the Lead PTA member will liaise with school staff to agree whether a parent/carer needs to be contacted to advise and/or collect the child and/or whether further medical attention is required.

Raising Concerns

1. All PTA members are to be advised that they must inform the DSL, other Designated Safeguarding Leads or PTA Links (who will in turn inform a member of the school team) named above promptly if they have any concerns regarding the safeguarding of a

child/children in relation to any events that they may witness or otherwise become aware of.

2. Members raising such concerns will be afforded confidentiality by those they inform. Support will be offered if needed.

Safeguarding and volunteer checks

Volunteer Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service checks ('Enhanced DBS checks) are an important part of the PTA's approach to safeguarding and checks on volunteers should be considered when risk assessing any event. As a guiding principle the PTA should avoid any unsupervised contact with children.

All committee members and volunteers who are routinely active at PTA events will ensure they obtain an Enhanced DBS certificate promptly upon election or initial ratification of this policy and maintain valid certificates whilst they remain in role ensuring this is reviewed/checked annually. Volunteers who are assisting at an event but do not have an Enhanced DBS check will be considered as part of the risk assessment of that event and their specific role will be considered in light of this fact. In considering events, the Head Teacher and/or the DSL will discuss and advise the PTA as to the voluntary roles that would require any enhanced DBS checks in order to ensure that all safeguarding and child protection considerations have been taken in to account and are in line with the school's full Safeguarding and Child protection policy. This will occur on an event-by-event basis, taking in to account the nature of the event, the volunteer role and the level of contact with any child/children that the role would involve.

Who will be checked?

Not all volunteers who have contact with children are required to have a DBS check. It will depend on how often they have contact with children and whether that contact is unsupervised and/or considered a regulated activity. DBS checks are legally required for anyone involved in a regulated activity as defined in relevant legislation. All current and proposed events are run in conjunction with school teaching staff who will ensure the school's safeguarding policy is followed.

How can a DBS check be obtained?

Ask at the school office for details of the online application form and details of the identification paperwork which needs to be supplied.

Safeguarding is the primary concern of all events organised.