Cleve House International School & Preschool

Safeguarding & Child Protection

What is the Role of the Designated Safeguarding Lead?

The Designated Safeguarding Lead has a crucial role in taking lead responsibility for child protection issues in school. DSL's must be senior members of the school's leadership team, and at Cleve House School Mrs Fraser holds this position. Mrs Fraser leads Ms Riach and Mrs Ashe (all members of the Senior leadership Team, who are the Safeguarding Team here at Cleve)

A DSL or DDSL is always available during school hours for staff to discuss any safeguarding concerns. On most days there is a DSL in school from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

DSLs are trained to take on this role and that training is updated every two years with additional training and conferences in between. The DSL has many responsibilities including working with staff and agencies involved in safeguarding children, working with parents and families, giving advice to staff, training staff, managing referrals from staff and investigating concerns passing them onto the correct body as necessary, managing the records of safeguarding and Child Protection concerns, keeping own knowledge up to date etc.

Online Bullying & Online Safety

Online bullying (aka Cyber Bullying) is any form of bullying which takes place online, through smartphones and tablets or game consoles—adults and children can be victims of this form of bullying so we have to be vigilant.

The impact of this bullying can be wide reaching from feeling frightened and intimidated, being the victim of fake gossip or rumours, having photos or videos posted about you, being on the receiving end of language that causes offense and an argument (flaming), threatening behaviour etc. In addition. people with malicious intent can use the internet for grooming of young and vulnerable people, fraud, stalking, exclusion, blackmail etc.

The internet and social media can be fun and can bring many educational and personal benefits but adult and child alike we must protect ourselves from misuse.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?



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Useful Acronyms & Vocabulary about Safeguarding

DSL: Designated Safeguarding Lead

SPOC: Single Point of Contact (PREVENT) responsible for preventing children being impacted by extremism

PREVENT: Part of the Governments Counter Terrorism Strategy to stop people being drawn into extremism

LADO: Local Authority Designated Officer—who deals with position of trust safeguarding issues

DBS: Disclosure & Barring Service used to make safe recruitment decisions

To contact the Safeguarding Team please feel free to speak to us in person or email: headteacher@clevehouseschool.com

