

Beeston Primary School

Town Street, Leeds, LS11 8PN "Engage, Enjoy, Enrich, Excel"



Dear Parent/Carer

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

Everyone in school understands their collective roles and responsibilities when keeping children safe and preventing them from harm.

Our school has a strong safeguarding culture, including the health and safety of all our school community. These important aspects are woven throughout our curriculum to provide children with the knowledge they need to keep themselves safe away from school. For parents and carers, we are committed to sending regular updates and share information from the Local Authority via our website and Facebook page to help you keep your child safe online at home.

All online content in school is filtered using web filtering service provider, 'SonicWALL' and computer use is closely monitored and any inappropriate use is reported immediately. This software allows school to block inappropriate, harmful content without restricting children's freedom to explore and learn. In addition, pupils are taught the importance of online safety in all classes, as part of the wider curriculum, in assemblies and through visits by local Police officers, NSPCC and GW Theatre Company.

In school, we use a system called CPOMS (Child Protection Online Monitoring System). CPOMS is the market-leading software application for monitoring child protection, safeguarding and a whole range of pastoral and welfare issues. Working alongside a school's existing safeguarding processes, CPOMS is an intuitive system to help with the management and recording of child protection, behavioural issues, bullying, special educational needs, domestic violence issues and therapeutic support accessed in school. Using CPOMS, we can ensure that students are safe and fully supported. Every member of staff across school has an obligation to report any concerns which they may have. CPOMS allows us to record information in a central repository and have relevant people alerted immediately.

All our school Governors have completed safeguarding and online safety training. Governors visit school on a regular basis to meet with key staff and members of the schools leadership team. These visits assist in enabling Governors to fulfil their statutory responsibility to ensure school has robust safeguarding policies and procedures in place and these remain effective.

In June 2021, we requested a Safeguarding Audit led by staff from the Leeds Safeguarding team. We wanted to ensure that all our systems are rigorous, robust and continued to meet the needs of all our school community. The feedback we received was positive and some of our practice and evidence was described as 'exemplary'. The report stated; it is clear from the evidence presented that Safeguarding and well-being of children is a priority for the school. Staff are provided with regular safeguarding information and can confidently discuss the risks that children face and how to respond to any concerns. The children spoke about having lots of opportunities to share concerns and that they could speak to any adult in school. They also spoke of having many opportunities to learn about how to keep themselves safe especially around online safety. The schools safeguarding arrangements evidence many areas of exemplary practice, which are to be celebrated, as is the passion and commitment that staff have towards safeguarding children in their school.

If you have any concerns about safeguarding in school or require further information, please contact Mrs Knowles our Designated Safeguarding Lead or email any concerns to ir@beestonprimary.org, For further information on safeguarding in school or to view our policies and procedures please visit our website www.beestonprimaryschool.co.uk/safeguarding/

Best wishes

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