

# **Safeguarding Statement for Queenborough School & Nursery**

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Queenborough School & Nursery is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We strive to ensure that consistent effective safeguarding procedures are in place to support families, children and staff at school.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Barbara Conroy, Headteacher. The Safeguarding Governor is Caroline Howard. Other staff trained in Child Protection are Clare Bush, Well-being & Family Support Officer and Designated Safeguarding Lead, Jason Howard, Deputy Headteacher, Karen Williams, Assistant Head, Anna Glass, Assistant Head, Ashleigh Ash, Assistant Head and Christina Tomlin, Assistant Head.

Queenborough School & Nursery have policies and procedures in place to deal effectively with Child Protection and safeguarding issues together with recording and monitoring processes.

To promote a safe environment for children at Queenborough School & Nursery, our selection and recruitment process includes all statutory checks on staff and regular volunteers including enhanced DBS (disclosure and barring service) checks. New Staff and Volunteers are also required to complete an Induction with one of the Safeguarding Team on their first day.

All staff are trained to a level appropriate to their safeguarding responsibilities ranging from HAYS online course for safeguarding basic awareness for all to Level 2 for key staff. Other safeguarding training is attended by relevant staff and governors. This training is monitored and comprehensive records kept by our Senior Leadership Team.

All concerns are passed through members of staff who are trained as “Designated Child Protection Officers” in school in compliance with the HM government “sharing of information” guidance March 2015. Staff are required to report any causes of concern to the school safeguarding team using a written pro-forma. All cause for concern forms are stored securely and frequently monitored to ensure that they are completed, shared and followed up appropriately. The safeguarding of the child is paramount.

Attendance is monitored closely and concerns are shared as appropriate with parents/carers, the School Liaison Officer, Children’s Social Care and the school Safeguarding Team. Queenborough School & Nursery will work effectively with other agencies and parent/carers when necessary to safeguard children.

We comply with the Department for Education’s guidance on Keeping Children safe in Education 2021 and every member of staff has been issued with this document.

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**How to report a concern?**

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If you have any concerns, please speak to a member of the safeguarding team, who will be more than happy to help.

You can contact us via the Main School telephone number on 01795 662 574 or email us direct at [dsl@queenborough.kent.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@queenborough.kent.sch.uk)

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### How else can you report a concern?

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<b>Childline – help for children and young people</b>
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<a href="http://www.childline.org.uk">www.childline.org.uk</a> or
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Tel: 0800 1111 (calls are free & will not appear on your phone bill)
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<b>NSPCC – help for adults concerned about a child</b>
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<a href="http://www.nspcc.org.uk">www.nspcc.org.uk</a> or
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Tel: 0808 800 5000 (people who call can remain anonymous)
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Please also see our Safeguarding policy in our [policy section](#).