

Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy Summary: Guidance for parents

Safeguarding is the process of keeping children safe from abuse and maltreatment.

Click [here](#) to find out more about the various types and indicators of abuse. If you're feeling worried about your child and need some help, please visit [Camden Early Help](#) for advice and support.

Legal obligation

Adults who work with children in schools have a legal obligation to prevent harm to children's health and development and ensure they grow up with safe and effective care. It's not about staff members' opinions; if a concern meets the criteria, staff are legally obligated to report it to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and in some cases, the local authority (Camden) or the police.

Safeguarding culture & ethos

At Wildwood Nature School, we know that safeguarding starts with creating an environment where children feel safe and free to talk on a daily basis. Our ethos prioritises children's well-being and everything we do - from being a small school, to having a key person system, our well-being curriculum and our trauma-informed approach to behaviour - ensures that children feel secure and have trusting relationships with compassionate adults.

Roles & responsibilities

Safeguarding is *everyone's* responsibility and all staff at Wildwood Nature School have regular training and are aware of their legal duties. The DSL - Clare Bunston - takes the lead on safeguarding for Wildwood Nature School. She is the main point of contact for staff or parents when they have a concern and leads on all referrals to the local authority and other services.

What to do if you have a concern as a parent?

If you have a concern about a child	Speak to the DSL (Clare Bunston)
If you have a concern about a member of staff	Speak to the co-head (Tara Royle)
If you have a concern about the DSL/co-head	Speak to the chair of trustees (Emma Shaw) or the LADO

The LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer) for Camden is Jacqueline Fearon. She can be contacted on 020 7974 4556 or LADO@camden.gov.uk

IF A CHILD IS AT IMMEDIATE RISK OF HARM, CALL THE POLICE ON 999.