

CHARNWOOD TRUST CHILD PROTECTION POLICY:
SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN (Summary)

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Charnwood recognises and accepts its responsibility for the safety of and well-being of those children who come within the care of its staff. Their physical and emotional care, as well as their developmental care, is a priority.

- All children attending Charnwood will be kept, as far as possible, safe from harm and danger.
- The best interests of the child will always be a primary consideration when action is taken concerning children.
- Children have rights as individuals, and will be treated with respect and dignity at all times.
- Charnwood has systems in place that will prevent or minimise the risk of abuse occurring within its own organisation and settings.
- Charnwood will ensure that procedures are in place to ensure that any concerns about the welfare and protection of any child will be dealt with appropriately and sensitively.

Staff and volunteers within the organisation must share in Charnwood's ethos of responsibility for the protection of all children. To this end:

1. All staff and volunteers will undergo recruitment checks and receive appropriate training in Child Protection, and Charnwood processes, and codes of practice and will be monitored for their suitability to work with children.
2. Parents will receive Safeguarding information in their induction packs and their signature will be required prior to the child's admission to nursery, to say they have read and understood the safeguarding statement.
3. Parents are required to inform the Nursery of any injuries their child has sustained at home or elsewhere. Staff will inform parents/carers of any accidents or injuries a child sustains while in their care and ask the parent/carer to sign the accident/incident book.
4. Charnwood will encourage children to respect each other.

There are a number of related policies and procedures available that can be read in conjunction with this overarching Safeguarding policy.

Addressing Concerns

Charnwood works within the established legal framework and under the guidance of the "Safeguarding Children in Stockport" Board, with regard to child protection issues. Concerns about a child's welfare should first be



reported to the Head of Education, who is Charnwood Trust's "senior designated" member of staff for safeguarding.

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