

If you do not feel you can speak with the school directly, there are other options:

Staffordshire Children's Advice and Support (SCAS) 0300 111 8007 (Out of hours 0345 604 2886)

Stoke Integrated Front Door Service (IFD) 01782 235100 (Out of hours 01782 234234) **Online form:** [Children and Families](#)

Cheshire East Consultation Service (Social care) 0300 123 5012 (Option 3)

Staffordshire Prevent Team: 01785 238239/ 233109.

Email: prevent@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk

✚ **The police:** 101 or 999 – Child is at immediate risk of harm.

✚ **NSPCC**

0808 800 5000

Text 88858

Nspcc.org.uk

help@nspcc.org.uk

Types of abuse

- ✚ Neglect
- ✚ Domestic Violence/abuse
- ✚ Emotional abuse
- ✚ Physical abuse
- ✚ Sexual abuse
- ✚ Online grooming
- ✚ Grooming
- ✚ Child exploitation
- ✚ Female genital mutilation.



Kaleidoscope

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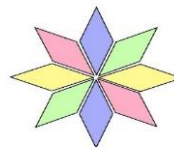
Email: admin@kaleidoscopeschool.co.uk

Web: <https://kaleidoscopeschool.co.uk>

Please find more information in our Safeguarding policy on the school website.

Headteacher: Miss Samantha Goodin.

Deputy Headteacher: Alex Platt



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Safeguarding



Children

What do I do if I am concerned about a child?

Parent/Carer Information

Safeguarding at Kaleidoscope School

This leaflet provides important information about safeguarding at Kaleidoscope.

[further information can be found in our Safeguarding Policy on the school website].

The Safety and wellbeing of our children is paramount, and we will do all that we can to ensure that their time at Kaleidoscope School is as safe, happy, and healthy as possible.

Kaleidoscope aims to create and maintain a safe learning environment where all children and adults feel safe, secure, and valued and know that they will be listened to and taken seriously. Our school is committed to the principles outlined in 'working together to safeguard children'. In the department for Education's latest guidance and 'keeping children safe in education we review these updates annually,' and this implements policies, practices and procedures which promote safeguarding and the emotional and physical wellbeing of children, young people and staff.

Our Children have access to a bespoke curriculum and further learning opportunities, including emotional health and wellbeing, to support the development of the skills needed to help them stay safe, healthy and develop their self-esteem and understanding the responsibilities of being independent.

The school works closely with local Safeguarding Children Board, Children's services, and other outside agencies to ensure that we provide our children and families with the appropriate support that they require to live safe and healthy lives.

We are an '**Operation Encompass**' School. For further information please speak to our DSL.

'We believe you can'.

Who do I talk to?

All schools have a policy which tells people what to do if they think a child may be suffering abuse or neglect.

The staff at Kaleidoscope are all trained in Safeguarding and learn the signs of abuse/neglect. Also, the School has a Designated Safeguarding Lead [DSL] as well as a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead [DDSL]

At Kaleidoscope they are:



Designated safeguarding Lead (DSL):

Amy Sadler-Rhodes

07990034517

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL):

Samantha Goodin, Stephanie Thompson, Alex Platt and
Dawn McGeoghan on

01782 624689

Concerns

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child who attends Kaleidoscope School, you have a duty to report those concerns and safeguard the child.

You can either talk to a member of staff at school or contact your local authority Children's Services directly.

You are not expected to make any judgements on whether it is abuse or not. It is the role of the DSL to decide if child abuse is a consideration or if the information received can be held on file.

Why do you keep concerns on file?

The DSL at school and the Deputy DSL's are trained under national guidelines to make judgements using a strict threshold criteria and if the concerns do not meet the threshold this could be the reason for keeping the concern on file.

Concerns can often be something small and not warrant intervention from Children's Services. However, over a period of time, a collection of small concerns can build a worrying picture. It is when we receive a number of 'small concerns' that we may contact Children's services to look at the picture it builds and make a judgement on intervention based on them.





Therefore, even the smallest concern, if filed, can help the DSL to gain the information to build a picture to ensure support is available.

Earliest Help

We will aim to provide support to all of our children and families at the earliest opportunity, therefore please contact our Family support Officer or DSL if you would benefit from this support.

If we believe that the concerns place a child at risk of immediate harm, then a referral will be made to Children's Services.

What if I still have a concern about a child?

-  Speak to the DSL/DDSL about the continued concern.
-  Ask the headteacher to look into the concern.
-  Follow the School Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
-  Contact your local authority social care team to report the concern directly.