

Barleyfields

A Sure Start Children's Centre



Safeguarding Information

Safeguarding means protecting children from abuse or neglect, preventing harm to their health, and ensuring they grow up with safe and effective care which provides good life chances for them. The underpinning principle is that “the welfare of the child is paramount”.

Safeguarding covers policies, risk assessments, premises, recruitment, behaviour management and child protection.

Child Protection

Sue Smith is the **Designated Person** with responsibility for:







- Being the first point of contact for parents, staff and agencies regarding child protection;
- Coordinating child protection procedures and ensuring staff attend relevant training;
- Acting on any matters reported and liaising with the appropriate agencies such as Children, Schools and Families and the Police;
- Sharing information with appropriate agencies if there are concerns about a child's welfare.

Copies of our Safeguarding Policy, and Record Keeping and Information Sharing Policy are available on our website www.hertschildrenscentres.org.uk/barleyfields or from the Children's Centre office.

The **Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Board** website

www.hertsafeguarding.org.uk provides swift and easy access to the most up-to-date safeguarding information for parents and carers, children and young people.



	Physical Abuse	When an adult deliberately hurts a child, such as hitting, shaking, throwing, poisoning, burning, drowning or suffocating.
	Emotional Abuse	This would happen, for instance, when a child is being unfairly blamed for everything all the time, or told they are stupid and made to feel unhappy.
	Neglect	Where a child is not being looked after properly, for example, not getting enough to eat or being left alone in dangerous situations.
	Sexual Abuse	An example of sexual abuse would be where a child has been forced to take part in sexual activities or in the taking of rude photos.
	Bullying	E.g. calling names, damaging property, stealing, spreading rumours, cyberbullying, hurting, getting people into trouble.
	Domestic Violence	When one adult in a family or relationship threatens, bullies or hurts another adult e.g. physically, psychologically, emotionally, sexually or financially.

Working in partnership with the local communities of Knebworth, Woolmer Green and Oaklands to support families in building a brighter future.