



Rickmansworth Children's Centre Safeguarding Policy (August 2010)

This policy represents the agreed principals for safeguarding throughout the Children's Centre.

The staff of the Children's Centre, the Children's Centre Advisory Body and the Governors of the Lead Agency, Shepherd Primary School, have agreed this policy. All Partners of the Children's Centre will be expected to have regard for the policy and procedures for safeguarding.

Where partners will be providing services from, or on behalf of the Children's Centre, they will be required to sign an agreement stating that they will follow the Children's Centre's policy and procedures for safeguarding.

Aim:

Our aim is to provide an environment in which children feel safe and protected, and to be able to demonstrate this. We will ensure all staff, either paid or voluntary meet the requirements of the Children's Centre with regards to safe recruitment, adequate training and checks where necessary. We aim to safeguard and promote children and young people's welfare by adopting the following measures:

- Protect children from maltreatment
- Prevent impairment of children's health or development
- Ensure that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- Enable children to have optimum life chances and enter adulthood successfully.

Parents and staff will be made aware of the Children's Centre's safeguarding policy and the fact that this may require cases to be referred to the investigative agencies in the interests of the child.

Provision

This policy is to be read in conjunction with the following policies or procedures, of which it forms one part:

Child Protection

Safer Recruitment – including training; induction; vetting and barring; CRB checks and Single Central Record

Smoking

Health and Safety – including risk assessment and security of staff, adults, children and service users

These policies and procedures will be reviewed annually, taking into account any changes to relevant legislation.