



Working in partnership with Little Snoring Primary School

Colkirk C of E Primary Academy, Sculthorpe C of E Primary Academy & West Raynham C of E Primary Academy

Executive Headteacher: Mr Christopher J Allen

Child Protection and Safeguarding

Visitors and Volunteers: what you need to know

We all have a statutory duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, and at our school we take this responsibility seriously.

If you have any concerns about a child or young person in our school, you must share this information immediately with our Senior Designated Professional or one of the alternate post holders.

Do not think that your worry is insignificant if it is about hygiene, appearance or behaviour – we would rather you told us as we would rather know about something that appears small than miss a worrying situation.

If you think the matter is very serious and may be related to child protection, for example, physical, emotional, sexual abuse or neglect, you must find one of the designated professionals detailed below and provide them with a written record of your concern. A copy of the form to complete is attached to this and others can be obtained from any school office in our federation or our federation website www.wrsps.co.uk. Please ensure you complete all sections as described.

If you are unable to locate them ask a member of the school office staff to find them and to ask them to speak with you immediately about a confidential and urgent matter.

Any allegation concerning a member of staff, a child's foster carer or a volunteer should be reported immediately to the Headteacher. If an allegation is made about the Headteacher you should pass this information to the Chair of the Governing Body. Alternatively, you can contact the Local Authority Designated Officer on 01603 223473.

Senior Designated Professional:	Christopher J Allen
Location of office:	Unity Federation
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Alternate Designated Professional: Sarah Potter
Location of office: Sculthorpe
Contact Number: 01328 862704

Alternate Designated Professional: Lesley David
Location of office: West Raynham
Contact Number: 01328 838317

Alternate Designated Professional: Emma Yerby-Smith
Location of office: Colkirk
Contact Number: 01328 862684

Alternate Designated Professional: Cheryl Melton
Location of office: Unity Federation
Contact Number: 01328 862704

Chair of Governing Body: Father Clive Wylie
Contact Number: Through our school office(s)

At the Unity Federation of Church Schools we strive to safeguard and promote the welfare of all of our children.

If you are unsure about anything you see or hear in school then please speak to one of the people listed in this information sheet.



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Information on Neglect and Abuse

Neglect is the ongoing failure to meet a **child's** basic needs and is the most common form of **child** abuse. A **child** may be left hungry or dirty, without adequate clothing, shelter, supervision, medical or health care. A **child** may be put in danger or not protected from physical or emotional harm.

Signs of emotional abuse in a child may include:

- being fearful of parent.
- saying they hate the parent.
- talking badly about themselves ("I'm stupid")
- seeming emotionally immature when compared to peers.
- exhibiting sudden changes in speech, such as stuttering.

Some indicators of neglect include:

- malnutrition, begging, stealing or hoarding food.
- poor hygiene, matted hair, dirty skin or body odour.
- unattended physical or medical problems.
- comments from a child that no one is home to provide care.
- being constantly tired.
- frequent lateness or absence from school.

Some indicators of emotional abuse include:

- Withdrawal from friends or usual activities.
- Changes in behaviour — such as aggression, anger, hostility or hyperactivity — or changes in school performance.
- Depression, anxiety or unusual fears or a sudden loss of self-confidence.
- An apparent lack of supervision.

Certain general symptoms that may suggest that a child is experiencing some type of abuse or neglect include:

- Slower-than-normal development. ...
- Failure to thrive. ...
- Unusual interaction with a parent. ...
- Mental health problems, such as having low self-esteem, anxiety, depression, or thoughts of suicide.

Sexual abuse signs and symptoms

- Sexual behavior or knowledge that's inappropriate for the child's age.
- Pregnancy or a sexually transmitted infection.
- Blood in the child's underwear.
- Statements that he or she was sexually abused.
- Trouble walking or sitting or complaints of genital pain.
- Abuse of other children sexually.