



A Parent/Carer Guide to Child Protection and Safeguarding at Ysgol Y Grango

The purpose of this leaflet is to outline to parents/carers the procedures followed at Ysgol Y Grango should a safeguarding concern or disclosure arise. Parents/Carers play a pivotal role in helping us to protect the welfare of our students.

Our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy outlines the procedural framework regarding our Child Protection duties. The school safeguarding policy is specifically designed to keep our students as safe as possible. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and all employees, visitors, governors, and volunteers must comply with the schools' Child Protection/Safeguarding Policy. All staff are required to read the school policy and complete a google document stating they have read and understand their roles and responsibilities. This information is centrally and securely stored by the Designated Safeguarding Person.

The Designated Safeguarding Person is the focus person for school staff, and others, who may have concerns about an individual child's safety or wellbeing and is the first point of contact for external agencies.

DBS checks are conducted to help ensure only suitable staff/volunteers support our students.

Our students acquire a range of the skills and knowledge to help them to be safe through our extensive Personal, Social and Emotional Programme. All our new staff are required to participate in safeguarding training as part of the "YYG New Staff Induction Programme."

Identify Badges

On the school site, all adults will be expected to wear a lanyard to help identify them. This includes teachers, support staff and governors.

Any visitor to the school must report to reception where their visit can be recorded, and a photograph ID provided for them during their stay. Any adults found not to be wearing identification will be challenged as to their presence on site.

Adults working in the school (including visiting staff, volunteers, contractors and students on placement) are provided with a leaflet regarding safeguarding upon arrival and are required to report instances where they believe a child may be at immediate risk of harm or neglect to a member of the safeguarding team. All safeguarding concerns are recorded on MyConcern, a secure electronic platform.

The Safeguarding Team

At Ysgol Y Grango the designated safeguarding team comprises of four members of staff:

- The Designated Safeguarding Lead: Miss V Brown, Headteacher and Mrs C Williams, Deputy Headteacher
- The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Miss L Corbally, Student Wellbeing & LAC Coordinator
- Designated Safeguarding Person: Mrs C Corbally, Assistant Headteacher

Ysgol Y Grango: Staff response to Safeguarding Concerns

Whole school in-service training on Safeguarding and Child Protection is conducted for all teaching and non-teaching staff and governors by the LA. This includes the signs and symptoms of abuse and how to report any concerns, however minor. Staff attend Safeguarding Snapshot briefings which keep staff abreast of the latest issues/concerns and the local context. As a result, staff and safeguarding leads have been advised to respond and react to the following guidelines and procedures:

Staff will:

- Child Protection is a priority
- Any allegations are taken seriously
- Listen to the child and not judge them

- Reassure the child that they have acted correctly by raising their concerns and explain the next steps.
- Inform the parents about the allegations, unless circumstances suggest that this would not be in the best interest of the child, following guidelines and procedures.
- Where appropriate, inform social services and request advice.

Staff will not:

- Contact the child's parents, this is the role of the DSP/Headteacher
- Ask probing questions of the child; their role is to listen and report.
- Discuss the allegations with anyone other than the DSP/Headteacher. The DSP/Headteacher will ensure that a written record of the allegation has been completed by staff, following our guidelines and procedures.
- Determine what action should be taken given the nature of the allegation.

The DSP/Headteacher will not contact parents before informing social services if:

- The parent was aware of the concerns but did not take steps to protect the child.
- The parent is stated by the child to be subject of the allegations.
- The parent was not able or unavailable to discuss the concerns.

Parent/Carers Role

As parent/carer you may not only have worries about your own child, but you may become concerned about other children you know, who you meet, or hear about.

What to look out for?

Abuse can be physical, sexual and/or emotional and these aspects, or neglect should be of concern to all responsible adults.

Sudden changes in a child's behaviour does not always mean that they are suffering abuse or neglect. However, there are some signs you might want to be aware of.

You may be concerned about your child, or another child if you notice:

- Inappropriate or concerning comments
- Marks or bruising
- Behavioural changes
- Concerning home conditions
- Sudden deterioration in appearance
- Concerning information coming to light about the child
- Having more money than you would expect and/or valuable items

What should I do if I have any concerns?

If this is about your own child, or a child known to you then contact the school's Safeguarding Team, or Social Services if your concern is more urgent.

If a child makes a disclosure to you then follow the basic guidance and procedures as stated.

Contact Social Services if you feel the situation is urgent, or alternatively the school's Safeguarding Team at the next available opportunity.

If this is another child you are unfamiliar with then contact Social Services who will take up the matter on your behalf.

If you have any concerns about a child **DO** tell some responsible about it.

- YYG Safeguarding Team

- Social Services

Allegations

All allegations and safeguarding concerns should be reported to the school's Safeguarding Team.

If the allegation and safeguarding concerns are related to a member of the Safeguarding Team, then please inform the Headteacher. Do NOT share your information with the person of concern.

For further information please refer to:

- Ysgol Y Grango Safeguarding Team: Telephone 01978 833010 or report online <https://forms.gle/BugPfd84B7gdiv5L9>
- Wrexham Social Services: Telephone 01978 292039 or email SPOAchildren@wrexham.gov.uk