



## Safeguarding in the EYFS

Safeguarding is at the heart of all practice within the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) at Dean Field Community Primary School. All EYFS staff follow the school's safeguarding policies and procedures and are committed to ensuring the safety, wellbeing and welfare of every child.

All staff working in the EYFS are first aid trained with at least 2 members of staff holding a current paediatric first aid qualification. A paediatric first aider is always present when children are on site. The EYFS uses a dedicated first aid recording system which is shared with parents via email

Miss Brambani, Deputy Head Teacher and EYFS Lead, is a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL). All staff understand their responsibility to report any safeguarding concerns immediately, no matter how small.

Staffing ratios are strictly adhered to with a 1:8 ratio maintained in Nursery at all times. Children-to-floor-space ratios are met and the EYFS environment is risk assessed daily by staff, the EYFS Lead and the premises officer. All areas are kept clean, safe and well maintained. Toilets, kitchen areas, sinks, equipment, and daily activities (including water / sand / mud play) are cleaned and reset daily to ensure high standards of hygiene.

Children are provided with daily access to fruit, milk, water and a toast. Snacks are not free-flow and are provided at set times. All snack times are fully supervised by a member of staff who holds a paediatric first aid qualification, ensuring children's safety and wellbeing at all times.

Children take part in the NHS toothbrushing scheme each day to promote good oral hygiene. All EYFS staff are trained to deliver this safely and effectively.

Staff carry out home visits for all new Nursery starters and maintain strong links with previous settings. The EYFS works closely with external services including Innovations (Family Hub – North Halifax Partnership), to ensure safeguarding and care information is shared before children begin at Dean Field.

Communication with parents and carers is effective and ongoing through Seesaw messaging, noticeboards, phone calls and regular face-to-face contact at drop-off and collection times.

Medication, such as inhalers and creams are administered only with the correct paperwork in place. Medication is stored securely and administered by trained staff with parents informed accordingly.

EYFS toilets are located within the setting and staff supporting children with toileting or changing are visible at all times. Mobile phones are locked away during class times in line with school policy.

Spare clothing, including coats and outdoor overalls, are available to ensure children are suitably dressed for all activities.

Attendance is monitored daily in both Nursery and Reception. All absences are followed up and concerns are shared with the school pastoral worker when necessary.

Safeguarding underpins all EYFS practice ensuring children feel safe, supported, and cared for as they learn and develop.