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**'Plant yn gyntaf'**

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**'Children come first'**

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## **Child Protection information for parents**

All schools have a responsibility to ensure the well-being of all pupils. This responsibility means that we:

- Have a Safeguarding policy and procedures
- Make parents or carers aware of our safeguarding policy through the school prospectus and school website, and that this may require your child to be referred to the statutory child service agencies if we believe that the child or other children may be at risk of significant harm.
- Endeavour to work with parents/carers regarding the welfare of your child and remain impartial if your child is being, or has been referred.
- Help parents or carers understand that if a referral is made to social services or the police, it has been made in the best interests of the child and that we will be involved in any child protection enquiry or police investigation in relation to your child's welfare and educational progress and
- Keep the parents or carers informed of the welfare and educational progress of the child.

Everyone who works in education should share the same goals to keep children and young people safe. We do this by:

- creating and keeping safe places to learn
- identifying where there are welfare concerns and taking the right action
- helping children and young people to be aware and understand how to stay safe.

We reach these goals by:

- stopping unsuitable people working with children and young people;
- having safe practices in place
- challenging poor or unsafe practice
- identifying when there's an issue or concern about a child's welfare and taking action
- working together with other services.

Section 175 of the Education Act 2002 introduced a duty on local authorities, the governing bodies of maintained schools, and the governing bodies of further education institutions, to have arrangements in place to ensure they safeguard children and that such arrangements take account of guidance issued by the Welsh Government.

Where a professional has a concern about a child, they will, in general, seek to discuss this with the family and, where possible, seek their agreement to making a referral to

social services. However, this should only be done where such a discussion and agreement will not place a child at increased risk of significant harm. That advice will be provided by the local social services department in consultation, where appropriate, with the police.

The designated senior person for child protection the school should clarify with these statutory agencies, when, how and by whom, the parents or carers will be told about any referral. They should also seek advice as to whether or not the child should be informed of the process.

As a parent or carer you may sometimes feel alone but there is usually somebody you can talk to. Caring for children is not always easy and if you're struggling to cope you may need to ask for help and support to protect your child.

You may find the following helpful:

- make time to talk and listen to your child
- familiarise yourself with your child's friends and routine
- be sensitive to changes in behaviour
- teach your child to feel confident to refuse to do anything they feel is wrong
- be aware of your child's use of the internet and mobile phone to ensure they don't place themselves at risk.

When a child moves to Ysgol Caer Drewyn from another school we may enquire as to whether there were any safeguarding concerns.

When a child moves to another school from Ysgol Caer Drewyn their safeguarding record will be sent to the new school as soon as possible but transferred separately from their main pupil file.

The designated senior person for child protection for Ysgol Caer Drewyn is the Head teacher – Jayne Davies and in her absence the Deputy – Emma Vaughan Evans.

The local authority designated lead officer for child protection is Wayne Wheatley.

**If you are concerned about a child or young person you can contact the agencies below:**

- Denbighshire Social Services:

During office hours - 01824 712200 (Mon-Thur 9am-5pm, Fri 9am-4.30pm)

Out of hours - 03450533116

Email - [cfsgateway@denbighshire.gov.uk](mailto:cfsgateway@denbighshire.gov.uk)

- Childline: 0800 1111

- Police: 101 or 0300 330 0101

(If you need Police assistance in an EMERGENCY then you should always dial 999)

- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000