

## Who should I talk to if I have concerns about a child?

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

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The Single Point of Contact for the Prevent Agenda

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## **Contacts:**

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South West Child Protection Procedures [www.swcpp.org.uk](http://www.swcpp.org.uk)

Local Safeguarding Children Board Website [https://www.proceduresonline.com/swcpp/cornwall\\_scilly/p\\_lscb\\_role\\_func.html](https://www.proceduresonline.com/swcpp/cornwall_scilly/p_lscb_role_func.html)

Emergency Services 999

Devon and Cornwall Police 101

## Cornwall Children's Social Care:

Multi-Agency Referral Unit (MARU) 0300 1231 116

Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) 01872 326536

Out of hours Contact-line 0300 1234 100

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You can also contact us via ClassDojo and Facebook



# Gooseberry Bush Day Nursery



# Safeguarding Parent's Guide

The Gooseberry Bush Day Nursery is committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The highest priority will be given to following guidance and regulations to safeguard them. All adults employed in the nursery or working as volunteers are required to undergo a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check.

The health, safety and well-being of every child is of paramount importance to us. We listen to our pupils and take what they tell us seriously. Our aim is that children enjoy and achieve in their time at this nursery. Our safeguarding provision involves:

- Establishing and maintain an environment where children feel secure, are encouraged to talk, and are listened to.
- Ensuring that children know that there are adults in the nursery who they can approach if they are worried.
- Including opportunities in the curriculum for children to develop the skills they need to recognise and stay safe from harm or abuse.

We want to work in partnership with parents and carers to help your child achieve their full potential. If we have any concerns about a child's welfare, we will endeavour to be open and honest with you and to meet with you to discuss the matter. The nursery will seek to work with parents to address potential child welfare issues e.g. to address concerns with attendance or to seek clarification over bruising or injuries.

We will, where appropriate, inform parents of any decision to make a referral to a Multi-Agency Referral Unit. However, if we are unable to inform parents directly, this will not prevent a referral being made.

On rare occasions, there are circumstances in which concerns should not be shared with parents and a direct referral would be made to protect any of our children.

The procedures which we follow have been laid down by the Cornwall Safeguarding Unit and the nursery has adopted a Safeguarding Policy in line with this for the safety of everyone.

### **What to do if you are concerned about a child:**

All children have a right to be safe no matter who they are or what their circumstances.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility.

We all need to listen to children even though we may not always be comfortable with what we hear.

### **Remember...**

It doesn't matter if you are a paid worker, a volunteer or a member of the community, you have a responsibility to act if you are worried about a child.

Each agency will have someone who has a responsibility for child protection and safeguarding issues (see the back page of this leaflet for the names of the members of staff at the Gooseberry Bush with this responsibility) - they have had training and know what to do.

It is not your responsibility to investigate child abuse but you should tell the appropriate person. It is their job to decide whether to pass your concerns on. If necessary, they will speak to the Multi-Agency Referral Unit, who can then decide whether they need to investigate your concerns.

Children can be abused physically, sexually, emotionally or through neglect. The concerns that you have may make up part of a bigger picture which could help to prevent serious harm to a child. Giving families help at an Early Stage can prevent abuse and neglect.