



Safeguarding.

What to do if you are concerned about a child's safety or welfare.

*If you are concerned about a child's safety or welfare, please contact the school office on **01429 83857** or email adminoffice@alton-inf.hants.sch.uk so that they can immediately find a Designated Safeguarding Lead for you to talk to.*

Alternatively you can call Hampshire Children's Services on **0300 5551384** or the **Police**.

Equally, if your concerns relate to the actions or behaviour of a member of staff (which could suggest that s/he is unsuitable to work with children) please ask to speak to a DSL in confidence, who will refer the matter to the Headteacher (or the Chair of Governors if the concern relates to the Headteacher) and procedures will be followed.

The school's Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) are:-

Mr. Richard Mead
(Headteacher)



Mrs Lily Hill-Venning
(SENDCO)



Mrs Karen Cooper
(Early Years Lead)



Alton Infant School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This means that we have a safeguarding culture and have Safeguarding and Child Protection Policies and procedures in place which are robust in approach and expectation. All staff and volunteers are trained annually on safeguarding and child protection and we follow this up throughout the year. Parents and carers are welcome to read these [policies](#) which are accessible on this website under 'About Us' and then 'Policies and Statutory Documents' or through a hard copy on request. Our policy and practice is in line with, and supports, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and all national statutory requirements.

Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's safety or welfare. We will ensure that any concerns are discussed with parents and carers first, unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's safety and welfare.

