

Child Protection Policy Oak View Appendix.

To be read in conjunction with EFSPT Child Protection Policy

Oak View are proud to be part of the Epping Forest Partnership Trust.

As part of the Trust, there are a number of policies that are applicable to all schools within the Trust, this includes The Trust Child Protection Policy. The policy covers roles and responsibilities, procedures and general CP information that applies to our school community too.

However we recognise that our school community includes some of society's most vulnerable children, young people and their families. Therefore as well as adhering to the Trust Child Protection Policy we reinforce the following principles:

- We recognise all behaviour to be some form of communication.
- All our learners have the right to make choices.
- We always aim for cooperation not compliance.
- We plan holistically based on detailed knowledge of the learners strengths and needs at any point.
- We monitor the wellbeing of our families, offering support when needed.
- We recognise the link between quality of learning, and learners being protected and safe.
- Our staff are trained in safeguarding pupils who are preverbal and we hold value to staff's knowledge of individuals, their backgrounds, history and current presentation.
- The school Safeguarding Team meets every six weeks to discuss case loads, identify high priority pupils and explore the impact of support put in place.

We also recognise the value of our close working and effective relationships with other Safeguarding and Child Protection professionals and agencies such as Social Care, CAMHS, BAT Team, the Police and Health (School Nurse) and endeavour to make sure that communication is transparent and open amongst these services whilst we all strive for the best possible outcomes for our special learners.

Oak View Safeguarding Team

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