

A copy of Cummersdale's Child Protection Policy and Overarching Safeguarding Statement are available for parents to view on the school website.

As always, but especially with regard to safeguarding, if you would like to discuss any matter with a member of staff, please call in, telephone or email us.

In addition, the school will fully comply with national and local statutory duties and guidance.

More information can be found on the Cumbria Safeguarding website:

[www.cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk](http://www.cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk)

The staff at Cummersdale School are in a good position to keep a watchful eye on children and their safety and to protect them from abuse and neglect. If anyone has any concerns they must inform:

**Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)  
Mr Gareth Jones**

**Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) Mrs Fay  
Scott**

**Mr Jonny Reay Safeguarding  
Governor.**

Anybody with a concern about a child in Cumbria can contact Children's Services

The telephone number of this 24-hour service is:

**Safeguarding Hub: 0333 240 1727**

# **Safeguarding Children at Cummersdale School**



Cumbria Safeguarding  
Children Partnership



**Keeping  
children safe  
is everyone's  
responsibility**



**An information  
leaflet for visitors, parents  
and carers**

Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families and carers has a role to play in safeguarding children. They fulfil this responsibility effectively by:

- protecting children from maltreatment
- preventing impairment of children's health or development
- ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care and taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

(Working Together to Safeguard Children, DFE, July 2018)

Cummersdale School is committed to ensuring that all children are safeguarded and pupil welfare is paramount. All staff are aware of their duty of care to protect our children and help to keep them safe.



If a child says or otherwise communicates something that contradicts or conflicts with the parents/carers account of their health or welfare, then we all have a clear duty of care to ensure that any discrepancies are properly investigated and explained. We will make any referrals necessary to ensure the well-being of all children is safeguarded.

It is important for children to receive the right help at the right time to address risks and prevent issues escalating. Research and Serious Case Reviews have repeatedly shown the dangers of failing to take effective action.

(Keeping Children Safe in Education, DFE, September 2020)

At Cummersdale we are proud of the comments made by Ofsted:

“The leadership team has ensured that all safeguarding arrangements are fit for purpose. Records are detailed and of a high quality.”

If someone you know is having difficulties, you could offer the following:

- A listening ear
- Ideas to cope with problems
- Encouragement to get some help
- Practical support (childcare/shopping)

## **Bullying**

Bullying is not tolerated at Cummersdale School. We reinforce this message through assemblies, PHSE lessons and it is embedded in our school and class rules. Anyone who has concerns about their child being bullied should speak to their child's class teacher as soon as possible in order for the issues to be addressed. The school behaviour policy can be found on the school website.



## **Internet Safety**

At Cummersdale we are committed to promoting safe internet use. Pupils are all taught internet safety in school through the EAware programme. Information is available on the school website for parents on E Safety.

Latest Ofsted report states, “Pupils spoken to during the inspection said that they know how to keep themselves safe, especially when using the internet.”