

What does safeguarding mean?

- Protecting children from maltreatment.
- Keeping children safe from harm such as illness, abuse and injury.
- Preventing impairment of children's health and development.
- Ensuring that children grow up in a safe and effective environment.

Creating opportunities for optimal life chances in order to enter adulthood successfully.

What happens if we have a concern about a child?

Low level concerns about a child will be recorded on the programme 'My Concern'. They help us to build a chronology of concerns and offer appropriate advice or support where necessary, including support from outside agencies.

More serious concerns regarding abuse or neglect will be reported immediately to **Mrs Christine Evans** the designated Child Protection Officer or **Mrs Sali Rafferty** the Deputy Designated Child Protection Officer. They will decide upon the next course of action e.g. advice from LEA Safeguarding Officer, report to Social Services or contact police.

If there are concerns that a child may be at risk, the school must follow the procedures in the Child Protection Policy.

How does YGG Cwmnedd keep my child safe?

It is the schools responsibility to ensure your child is safe and that is achieved in the following ways.

External gates and doors are locked at all times and visitors must go to the main office and report to the office.

Pupils are regularly reminded that they must never open doors to visitors, not even their own parents.

We ensure that all visitors sign in and sign out so that we know who is on the premises.

All visitors must wear a lanyard to show that they have permission to be on the premises.

Termly fire drills are carried out so that all staff and children understand the procedure.

Health and safety checks are carried out by the relevant staff and governors.

Risk assessments are carried out prior to off site visits and activities, as well as some school based activities.

All staff are subject to DBS (Disclosure and Barring service) checks prior to joining the school.

All staff attend Safeguarding and Child Protection training.

First Aid training for staff is regularly updated.

The school has a Designated Child Protection Officer (Mrs Christine Evans) and a Deputy Designated Child Protection Officer (Mrs Sali Rafferty).