

# Child Safeguarding Statement



Woodberry Down Primary School

Our organisation has completed a CHSCP Self-Assessment.



## Nature / Type of Organisation and Services Provided:

Located near Finsbury Park in Hackney, Woodberry Down is a dynamic, three-form entry primary school with approximately 700 students enrolled. Each year group is divided into three classes of approximately 90 pupils. Serving children aged two to eleven, including those in our preschool, we offer more than just education.

## Our commitment to safeguarding children:

At Woodberry Down, we prioritise creating a secure and supportive space for everyone—pupils, staff, volunteers, and visitors alike. We encourage a strong sense of awareness, where both children and adults feel comfortable and empowered to share any concerns they have regarding their own safety or that of others.

Our safeguarding measures are carefully aligned with the City and Hackney Safeguarding Children Partnership's guidelines and shaped by the Hackney Child Wellbeing Framework. A dedicated member of our safeguarding team is always on hand—either in person or by phone—and receives regular DSL training to handle any issues with care and professionalism.

### Risk that children might face (1)

The risk of harm from peer-to-peer abuse, including severe or persistent bullying.

### How are we mitigating this risk? (1)

Promoting a culture of respect through lessons on empathy, inclusion, & positive peer relationships;  
Robust anti-bullying policies with clear procedures for reporting and addressing;  
Staff training to identify & intervene early in cases of bullying or peer abuse;  
Peer support systems, such as buddy programs & mentoring to foster positive relationships.

### Risk that children might face (2)

Risk of harm from unauthorised photography or abuse via social media and inappropriate internet content.

### How are we mitigating this risk? (2)

Strict policies on photography so that only authorised personnel can take photos;  
Digital safety lessons for children about responsible internet use;  
Monitoring internet access to restrict exposure to inappropriate content;  
Training on safeguarding procedures to recognise and address online abuse;  
Communication with pupils & parents about online safety.

### Risk that children might face (3)

Incorrect management of prescribed medication and first aid.

### How are we mitigating this risk? (3)

Staff Training: Ongoing training for all staff on medication & first aid procedures;  
Clear Records: Maintain accurate medication records for each pupil;  
Regular Audits: Conduct routine checks for compliance;  
Designated Personnel: Assign specific staff for medication management;  
Communication: Ensure clear communication with parents about medication needs.

### Risk that children might face (4)

Risk of children leaving school premises through fence and potentially falling into river on the other side.

### How are we mitigating this risk? (4)

Secure Fencing: Install high, secure fencing around the school perimeter to prevent unauthorised access;  
Supervision: Ensure staff supervision during arrival, departure & break times;  
Safety Drills: Conduct regular safety drills to reinforce boundaries & emergency procedures;  
Engagement: Promote student awareness of rules regarding school boundaries.

### Risk that children might face (5)

Risk of staff or volunteers handling children roughly or shouting at them in a way that could cause harm.

### How are we mitigating this risk? (5)

Training Programs: Provide staff & volunteer training on positive behaviour management;  
Policies: Establish & enforce a code of conduct for all staff and volunteers;  
Supervision: Ensure adequate supervision during activities;  
Feedback: Implement a system for children & parents to report concerns;  
Regular Reviews: Conduct regular reviews.

**The following legislation, policies, procedures and guidance also support and inform our intention to safeguard children while they are accessing our service(s). These documents are available upon request.**

Code of Conduct for Schools  
Acceptable Usage Policy  
Online Safety Policy  
Safer Recruitment Policy  
Hackney Education Whistleblowing Policy  
Health and Safety Policy  
Attendance and Punctuality Policy  
RSE/PSHE Policy  
SEND Policy  
Toileting and Intimate Care Policy  
Hackney Wellbeing Framework  
London Child Protection Procedures  
Working Together to Safeguard Children  
Keeping Children Safe in Education  
What to Do If You Are Worried a Child Is Being Abused  
Information Sharing Guidance for Practitioners

The final draft of this safeguarding statement has been agreed for submission by the individual with overall responsibility for the organisation. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

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