

# Child Safeguarding Statement



Comet Nursery School and Children's Centre

Our organisation has completed a CHSCP Self-Assessment.



## Nature / Type of Organisation and Services Provided:

We are an inclusive and diverse maintained nursery school and children's centre offering places for children aged 2-5 years old. The children's centre offers sessions for families and their children.

Our curriculum follows the statutory guidance of the EYFS. Building relationships with our children and their families is at the heart of our work.

## Our commitment to safeguarding children:

Everyone at Comet Nursery School and Children's Centre who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play in safeguarding children. Comet staff are particularly important in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children as we are in a position to identify concerns early, provide help for children and to prevent concerns from escalating. Our staff form part of the wider safeguarding system for children. Comet will work with the Children and Families Service, the police, health services and other relevant agencies to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

All staff know the procedures and how to raise issues. We have a team of experienced DSLs who are always available onsite.

Our work to keep children safe is embedded in all aspects of nursery life as well as being reflected in all relevant policies, procedures and practice. Furthermore, we refer to the welfare requirements as set out in the EYFS.

### Risk that children might face (1)

Risk of a child going home with an unknown adult.

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

Staff are provided with updated information on adults who are allowed to pick up children. Passwords are provided by parents so unknown adults can collect. DSL and BCM are responsible for updating information. Staffing system of collection of children at the door to stop any unknown adults collecting. Information outlined in our uncollected child policy.

### Risk that children might face (2)

Risk of abuse or harm not being recognised by the staff team.

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

All new staff receive an induction into the nursery that covers all aspects of safeguarding policy and procedures and intimate care. DSL offers advice and guidance and on the CPOMs system. The BCM will provide a staff log in for CPOMs. Annual safeguarding training and KCSIE (part 1) is offered to all staff, governors and classroom volunteers.

### Risk that children might face (3)

Risk of abuse or harm while a child is receiving intimate care.

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

All relevant staff have intimate care training and access to the intimate care policy. Regular review of the intimate care policy and updates for staff and volunteers. Specialist training provided for children with SEND or those that have medical needs. DSL provides induction to new staff and support when needed.

### Risk that children might face (4)

Risk of harm/neglect not being reported properly or in a timely manner.

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

Introduction of CPOMs provides a clear process for staff. All staff have received safeguarding training and read the safeguarding policy. This includes completing CPOMs in a timely manner and to report any serious issues to the DSL immediately. Staff understand the importance of reporting and that they may be used by other professionals and DSL.

### Risk that children might face (5)

Risk of a child being harmed by a volunteer or visitor.

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

Visitor/volunteer sign in and badge provided to wear at all times. Volunteers are provided with safeguarding training and up to date KCSIE. Visitors and volunteers are never left alone with children and do not provide intimate care. All our volunteers are DBS checked and visitors provide evidence of identity or DBS check.

**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.**

We have the following policies at Comet that reflect our commitment to safeguarding:

Safeguarding (including safer recruitment)  
Behaviour  
Lost child  
Uncollected child  
Health and safety  
Outings  
Complaints  
Whistleblowing  
First aid and medication  
Mobile phone and E-safety  
Intimate care  
Missing child  
Disciplinary process

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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