

If you do not feel you can speak with the School directly, there are other options:

- Manchester Children's Services  
0161  
mcsreply@manchester.gov.uk
- The Police  
999 or 101
- NSPCC  
0808 800 5000  
Text 88858  
Nspcc.org.uk  
[help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

**Types of abuse:**

- Neglect
- Domestic Violence/abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Online abuse
- Grooming
- Child exploitation
- Female genital mutilation

There is further information about these in our Safeguarding Policy on the school website

[www.chorltonpark.manchester.sch.uk](http://www.chorltonpark.manchester.sch.uk)

Some of these types of abuse may result in an immediate referral to Children's Services, without informing parents or carers, in order to protect the child. This is done following strict protocol from Manchester Children's Services.

Manchester's  
**Early Help Strategy**

We know that parenting can be one of the most difficult jobs and we all need some help or support at times.

We know that if we get that help or support early enough it can stop problems from getting worse and reduce the need for involvement from Children's Services.

Manchester has established the  
**Early Help Hub**

to provide advice and support for a range of areas such as:  
parenting,  
health and wellbeing,  
finance,  
housing,  
young carers etc.

You can find information by searching the internet for  
**Manchester Early Help for Parents**

or you can make an appointment with  
Mrs Chell (Mon – Wed)  
or  
Ms Beeching (mornings)

They can do an Early Help Assessment with you and then refer to the Early Help Hub for any advice or support you may require to get back on track.



## Safeguarding at Chorlton Park Primary School

What do I do if  
I am concerned  
about a child?



Headteachers: Mrs M Blackburn  
Ms S Habershon

## Safeguarding at Chorlton Park

This leaflet gives some information about safeguarding at Chorlton Park.  
(Further information can be found in our Safeguarding Policy on the school website)

**The safety and wellbeing of our children is paramount and we will do all that we can to ensure that their time at Chorlton Park is as happy and healthy as possible.**

Chorlton Park Primary School aims to create and maintain a safe learning environment where all children and adults feel safe, secure and valued and know they will be listened to and taken seriously. Our school is committed to the principles outlined in 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' and implements policies, practices and procedures which promote safeguarding and the emotional and physical wellbeing of children, young people and staff.

The children have access to appropriate curriculum opportunities, including emotional health and well-being, to support the development of the skills needed to help them stay safe and healthy, develop their self-esteem and understand the responsibilities of adult life.

The school works closely with Manchester's Early Help Hub, Children's Services and further outside agencies to ensure that we provide our children and families with the appropriate support that they require to live safe and healthy lives.

**We will always do what we believe to be in the best interest of the child to ensure their health and safety.**

## **Who do I talk to?**

All schools have a Safeguarding policy which tells people what to do if they think a child may be suffering abuse or neglect.

The staff at school are all trained in Safeguarding and learn the signs of abuse/neglect. Also, the school has a Designated Safeguarding Lead (**DSL**) as well as a Deputy Designated Safeguarding officers (**DDSO**).

At Chorlton Park they are:

**Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) :** Mrs H Chell



**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officers:**

Mrs M Blackburn (Headteacher)  
Ms S Habershon (Headteacher)  
Mrs K Holden-Sim (SENCo)

**Governor for Safeguarding:**

Mrs J Midgeley Stevens

## **Concerns**

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child who comes to Chorlton Park Primary School you have a duty to report those concerns and safeguard the child.

You are not expected to make any judgements on whether it is abuse or not.

The Designated Safeguarding Officers carry out intensive training along with social workers, police and medical staff in the city. It is the role of the DSL to decide if child abuse is a consideration or if the information received can be held on file.

## **Why do you keep concerns on file?**

The DSL at school and the Deputy DSL are trained under Manchester City Council to make judgements using a strict threshold criteria and if the concerns do not meet the threshold this could be the reason for keeping the concern on file.

Concerns can often be something small and not warrant intervention from Children's Services, however, over a period of time, a collection of small concerns can build a worrying picture. It is when we receive a number of 'small concerns' that we may contact Children's Services to look at the picture it builds and make a judgement on intervention based on them.

Therefore, even the smallest concern, if filed, can help the DSL to gain the information to build a picture that warrants Child Protection Services investigating.

## **Early Help**

We will aim to address these concerns via Manchester's Early Help Strategy to prevent the situation from escalating. If we believe that the concerns place a child at risk of immediate harm then a referral will be made to Children's Services.

## **What if I still have concerns about a child?**

- Speak to the DSL about the continued concern;
- Ask the headteachers to look into the concern;
- Ask the Governor for Safeguarding to look at the concern;
- Contact Manchester Children's Services to report the concern to them directly.

