Child Protection concerns can involve;

- Children telling staff or other pupils that they are concerned about abuse or neglect issues
- Children having injuries
- Children behaving in a way that is unusual for their age and understanding eg sexual knowledge
- Children being dirty, poorly dressed or smelling regularly
- Children who are overly hungry or tired
- Children who are frightened or overly aggressive

There are many ways in which staff might become concerned about a child. They will always want to assist the child and the family. Discussions with parents are intended to support the family not accuse anyone.

Copies of our Safeguarding policy are available from the school

Our Child Protection policy applies to all staff, governors and volunteers working in the school. The five main points are;

- Ensuring we check the suitability of staff and volunteers to work with children.
- Raising awareness of child protection issues and equipping children with the skills needed to keep themselves safe.
- Make sure school procedures for identifying and reporting concerns are followed.
- Supporting pupils who are at risk in line with his/her agreed child protection plan.
- Having a safe environment in which children can learn and develop.

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At Ysgol Y Lawnt we value our children and their futures. With this in mind we have a child Protection Policy designed to keep our pupils as safe as possible.
As a Parent or carer of our pupils you have a vital role to play. This school is part of your community and you are so important in helping us keep pupils safe. This leaflet will hopefully explain our procedures and your role within them.

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Staff **will:**

- Remember that the priority is to protect the child;
- Treat the matter seriously;
- Listen but do not judge;
- Believe the child
- Tell the child that they have done the right thing in talking to a safe adult;
- Tell the child what will happen next where possible
- Inform the Headteacher of all concerns immediately

Staff **will not:**

- Contact the parents - this is the job of the Headteacher or social services;
- Ask lots of questions if a child has told concerning information
- Speak to anyone about whom allegations are made (including colleagues);
- Promise to keep secrets

When school staff have concerns for a child, the Headteacher will usually discuss this with the parent, but in some circumstances this will not be possible and Social Services may be called instead

The Headteacher will **not** ask parents before calling Social Services if:

- The parent knew of the concerns and did not protect the child
- The parent is the cause of concern
- The parent would not be able to discuss the concern

As a parent/carer you play a vital role in all that the school do, especially when it comes to ensuring all our pupils are safeguarded and protected. As a school we ask that you as parents:

- Talk to staff about any concerns you have for your child
- Remember that the school MUST share concerns about your child
- The school will NOT judge you, but they may have to share difficult information
- The school MUST prioritise the safety and wellbeing of pupils, they cannot keep secrets from other agencies

As a parent we hope you will help us in our legal duties to protect all our pupils. As a school we have a duty to contact Social Services where we are concerned that a child may be at risk or suffering harm. Sometimes we may need to speak to you about your child and your circumstances.

We need to discuss concerns with parents, nobody within our school will judge you, or accuse you, we simply need to discuss the facts and decide whether you may need some extra help to give your child every opportunity they deserve.

Within this leaflet we have outlined some of the standard procedures the school MUST follow.

None of these procedures are aimed at upsetting or distressing you as parents/carers. They are designed to look at your childs needs and make sure that if your child needs some extra help, they get it.