

Child Protection

Everyone's Responsibility –
All Wales Child Protection
Procedures 2008

"If any person has knowledge, concerns or suspicions that a child is suffering, has suffered or is likely to be at risk of harm, it is their responsibility to ensure that the concerns are referred to social services or the police, who have statutory duties and powers to make enquiries and intervene when necessary"

Troedyrhiw Community Primary School

**Child Protection
Parent Information**

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At Troedyrhiw Community Primary School we value our pupils and their futures and we have a responsibility to ensure their well-being. With this in mind we have a Child Protection Policy and procedures at school designed to keep our pupils as safe as possible.

As a parent or carer of our pupils you also have a vital role to play.

Troedyrhiw Community Primary School is part of your community and you are important in helping us keep pupils safe.

This leaflet will hopefully explain our procedures and your role within them.

*Child Protection Officer for
Troedyrhiw Community Primary:
Mrs J Roome*

TEL: 01685 351819

Child Protection Procedures

As a parent we hope you will help us in our legal duties to protect all our pupils. Sometimes we may need to speak to you about your child and your circumstances.

As a school we have a duty to contact/refer pupils to the statutory child welfare agencies if we are concerned that a child may be at risk of significant harm. If a referral is made to Social Services or the police it has been made in the best interests of the child. The school will be involved in any child protection enquiry or police investigation in relation to a child's welfare and educational progress. We will keep parents/carers informed of the welfare and educational progress of the child.

As a school, we will strive to work with parents/carers regarding the welfare of their child. Nobody within 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.

The Child Protection Officer for the school is the Headteacher, Mrs J Roome. The Deputy Child Protection Officer is Mrs L Griffiths

Child Protection Training

The Child Protection Officer and Deputy Child Protection Officer have both received Level 3 Child Protection training. All staff members receive update Child Protection training on an annual basis.

Child Protection policies are inline with National Government (All Wales Child Protection Procedures) and Local Authority guidelines and procedures.

Making A Referral To Social Services

1. Concerns regarding a child / adult are referred to Child Protection Officer (Deputy Child Protection Officer in her absence)
2. A child makes an allegation against a parent /adult—referred to Child protection Officer (Deputy in her absence)
3. A record of concerns will be logged (no judgement is made)
4. Child Protection Officer will contact Social Services either for advice or to make a referral.
5. It is good practice to inform parents / carers of any referrals unless it is felt this could cause harm
6. Social Worker will acknowledge receipt of referral.
7. Social Worker will decide on next course of action (within one working day)
8. Social Worker will feedback to referrer outcome of referral by 3.00pm that day or following morning.

Child In Need Referral—EARLY HELP HUB

A child in need referral requires consent from the family. A family may agree to such a referral in order to gain support in relation to a child's welfare / well-being.

Child Protection Referral

A child protection referral does not require consent from the family / parent, although it is usually good practice to do so, to ensure collaborative working for the best interests of the child.

EARLY HELP HUB – Merthyr Tydfil

EARLY HELP HUB is available for families who need additional multiple support services; in addition to the universal services they are already receiving e.g. school and health care. Parental consent required.

This service is alternative support to Social Services.

EARLY HELP HUB consists of four key areas of service for every family supported:

- Eligibility criteria based on "Think Family indicators" to identify needs
- Key Workers, to act as a main point of contact for the family
- A Common Assessment, to identify the support required
- A Team around the Family approach, to ensure agencies work together on behalf of the family
- Families, who are likely to need MIA service, may be experiencing problems in any of the following areas of their lives:
 - o Housing
 - o Finance
 - o Education
 - o Health and Wellbeing
 - o Parenting
 - o Children's behaviour

EARLY HELP HUB is all about providing support for the whole family; parents, carers, young people and children.

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