

PTA Safeguarding Policy Statement and Guide for Members

1. The health and safety of all children is of paramount importance. Parents send their children to school each day with the expectation that school provides a secure environment in which their children can flourish. In order to do this, a wide range of measures and policies are put in place by Langley Primary School. These are all available to view on the school website. The PTA support and abide by these policies.
2. The Langley Primary School Safeguarding Policy is updated on an annual basis and approved by the Governing Body.
3. The Designated Safeguarding Leader (DSL) is Mr Jon Cashmore. Other trained Designated Safeguarding Leads are Ms McCutcheon, Mrs Sherryl Brown.
4. The governing body as a whole is responsible for safeguarding.
5. Langley Primary School PTA will ensure that we prioritise child safeguarding at every event that is held. We will complete a risk assessment, which will be reviewed and approved by the school. This risk assessment will consider the safeguarding element
6. All members of the PTA that visit school during the working day will adopt and follow school policies for signing in at the school office and other safeguarding procedures.
7. All of the PTA committee is Enhanced DBS checked.
8. All PTA members are aware that any concerns regarding events they witness or are concerned about should be raised with the PTA Chair and DSL immediately. It is crucial that PTA members recognise the importance of sharing information confidentially. Support will be offered if needed.
9. First Aid arrangements will be included as part of the risk assessment for any event. Should a child be injured or taken unwell during an event. The Lead PTA member will liaise with school staff to agree whether a parent/carer needs to be contacted to advise or collect the child or whether further medical attention is required.

Safeguarding and volunteer checks.

The PTA has a duty of care to consider the safety and well-being of children and vulnerable adults, and is considered when risk assessing events.

Who can be checked?

Not all people who have contact with children are required to have a DBS check. It will depend on how often they have contact with children and whether that contact is considered regulated activity. However, because PTA members are regularly in school unsupervised it has been agreed that all PTA Trustees, committee members and active members should have an enhanced DBS disclosure with a barred list check. **This is advice from the safeguarding section of Parent Kind – Formally PTA UK.**

How do we ask for a DBS check?

Ask at the PTA Committee a volunteering pack. There is an online application form and details of the Identification paperwork, which needs to be supplied.

Safeguarding is the primary concern of all events organised.