

How do I report concerns about a child?

During school time, you can discuss concerns with a member of the school's safeguarding team. Out of school hours or if you would prefer not to discuss your concerns with school, you can speak to

MASH (the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) on 0345 050 7666. Your call will be answered by customer services who will ask a series of questions and triage into MASH.

The NSPCC 0800 800 5000 (open 24/7 for advice, help and support) or email

The NSPCC website also has a wealth of information about keeping your child safe, both online and in the community.

The OSCB (Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board) also has information for parents and carers, as well as professionals.
<http://www.oscb.org.uk/>

Safeguarding Contacts and further information

In school hours

Telephone: 01491 651862 and ask for one of the designated safeguarding team.

Email:

office.2596@cholsey.oxon.sch.uk

and mark your email as FAO Safeguarding Team

Speak to: any member of staff and ask for the Headteacher, Deputy Head, SENCo, Family Support Worker or School Business Manager



Safeguarding Children

Key Information for Parents and Carers

Cholsey Safeguarding Contacts

All members of staff at Cholsey Primary School are trained in safeguarding, however, some staff have had additional specialist training and have a key safeguarding role in school.

School Safeguarding Lead



Heidi McSweeney-
Headteacher

Deputy School Safeguarding Leads

Rosie Eastwood-Deputy Head



Karen Poole-Family Support Worker



Charleii Stanley-Assistant Head



Before and After School Club designated Lead



Alison Nathanielsz – School
Business Manager

What is abuse and neglect?

Neglect occurs when adults fail to meet the child's essential needs such as providing adequate shelter, food, warmth, clothing, hygiene and medical care. It also includes leaving children who cannot look after themselves alone or without proper supervision.

Physical abuse is when a person injures/harms a child, or does not knowingly prevent it. For example the use of excessive force, hitting, squeezing, shaking, burning, biting, suffocating and drowning. It also includes allowing inappropriate use of drugs, medication or alcohol by children.

Sexual abuse is when a child is forced to take part in a sexual activity, using the child to satisfy sexual desires. It is also an abuse to allow children access to obscene DVDs, books and other material.

Emotional abuse occurs when adults persistently fail to show the child love and affection, or they may threaten, shout or taunt, or the child may witness domestic violence, causing the child to lose confidence, become nervous or withdrawn.

Safeguarding children is everyone's business.

How can I help my child stay safe Online?

You can find a wide range of information about keeping your child safe throughout the 'Thinkuknow.co.uk' website and specific guidance about how to report to popular [social media sites](#).

If you're concerned about keeping up-to-date with the latest apps your child has been using, NSPCC's [Net Aware](#) provides simple guides for parents and carers to the most popular social networks, apps and games.

Has someone acted inappropriately towards your child online?

If your child has experienced sexual or offensive chat that has made them feel uncomfortable or someone is trying to meet up with them, you can report this directly to [CEOP](#).

This may have happened in a chat room, app, message board, instant messenger or on a social networking site. It could be on a mobile phone, games console or computer and be in the form of messages, images or conversation over webcam. The important thing is that if an adult is making sexual advances to your child on the internet you should report it.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Get-help/>