

Safeguarding

Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun
Information for Governors & Parents

“Keeping Learners Safe”



Safeguarding & Child Protection

- * What is it?

- * “Protecting children and young people from abuse or neglect, preventing the impairment of their health and development and ensuring that they have safe and effective care that enables them to have maximum life chances” (*Children’s Act 2004*)

Safeguarding in School

These principles guide our school policy and protocols

- Step 1 - Preventative measures - establishing a positive ethos in school based on respect, care and welfare (including PREVENT Duty 2015)
- Step 2 – Defensive measures - establishing and following clear protocol and staff awareness of their role and importance
- Step 3 – Supportive measures - – supporting pupils who have suffered abuse or neglect

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Categories of Abuse

Child Abuse is categorised as follows:

- * Physical Abuse
- * Emotional Abuse
- * Sexual Abuse
- * Neglect

Safeguarding Training for all staff in school

Learning Outcomes:

- * Be aware of signs, symptoms, indicators and behaviours that may cause concern (including Prevent Duty)
- * Understand how to respond to concerns that a child or young person might have been harmed
- * Know what actions to take if a child or young person alleges harm or abuse in line with school policy and protocol

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If a child tells you something of concern

- Listen carefully - staff will accept what the child says
- Try not to show shock or upset
- Don't lead or interrupt, let them tell you in their own words
- Note the date and time of conversation
- Don't promise to keep what they have told you a secret
- Report it directly to the Safeguarding Officer - **Miss Lisa Williams**

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- * Measures taken to support Safeguarding with pupils in school:-
 - * School Sex and Relationships Education Policy
 - * School Welfare & Interventions Officer – Leanne Evans
 - * PSE curriculum and PSE days
 - * Eye-2-Eye Counselling service in school
 - * School Nurse surgeries in school
 - * Information posters around school
 - * Other linked policies