**The Maynard Parents Association (MPA)**

**Safeguarding Policy**

**September 2025**

**Introduction**

This policy sets out the principles for safeguarding within The Maynard Parents Association.

It is relevant to all within the association and is endorsed by the Trustees of The Maynard Parents Association.

**Responsibility**

The Maynard Parents Association has a duty of care to consider the safety of children and vulnerable adults. This should be taken into consideration when risk assessing a MPA event and the duration of such events.

It is best practice for the MPA to have a set of procedures in place and guidelines for volunteers to follow at events, this may be developed with guidance from the school

All MPA members should be aware of the person responsible for safeguarding within the school. The school may provide training for MPA members on safeguarding and the procedures to follow or the MPA may arrange their own training for its volunteers.

The schools Designated Safeguarding Lead is Matthew Loosemore. The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are Liz Gregory, Sarah Lavis, Katie Greenwood (DSL for EYFS) and Caroline Leigh.

The schools safeguarding policy can be found here [6.10-Safeguarding-and-Child-Protection-2024-25.pdf](https://www.maynard.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/6.10-Safeguarding-and-Child-Protection-2024-25.pdf)

**What to do if you have concerns about a child**

You may have concerns about a child because of something you have seen or heard or a child may choose to disclose something to you.

If a child discloses information to you, you should:

* Listen to the child without displaying shock or disbelief
* Accept what is said and reassure the child, do not make promises that you may not be able to keep , e.g. ‘Everything will be alright now’
* Do not ask leading questions and do not interrogate the child – this is not your responsibility to investigate
* Explain to the child what you have to do next and who you have to talk to
* Take notes, if possible, or write up the conversation as soon as possible afterwards
* Contact the school safeguarding officer or a member of the school leadership team as soon as possible

**Guidance for Events**:

* All Events should be risk assessed
* Events where children are dropped off and collected – a register should be available and children should be checked in and out of the event. The MPA should have a list of any child being collected by another parent/carer or travelling home alone
* Contact details for the child’s parent/carer may be collated by the MPA for the event
* Exits should be monitored to ensure children cannot leave an event unattended
* If this is a regulated activity volunteers will need an Enhanced DBS check.

This policy will be reviewed by the The Maynard Parents Association Trustees annually before the AGM.

Useful Links

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/Info-sheets/Volunteer-checks>