

Safe Working Within Joseph Hood Primary

- Provide a good example and be a positive role-model by being respectful, fair and considerate to all.
- Treat all children equally; never build a particular child above all others.
- Ensure that when working with individual children, that the door is left open, or that you can be visible to others.
- Do not photograph children (unless requested by the school staff) exchange emails, text messages, and phone numbers or give out your own personal details.
- Do not receive or give gifts unless arranged through school.
- Only touch children for professional reasons and when this is necessary for safety.

Allegations

- Any allegations should be reported to the Executive Headteacher or DSL.
- If the concerns are about the Executive Headteacher please inform the Chair of Governors.

Everyone has a responsibility to make sure that children within Joseph Hood Primary are safe as
'Every Child Matters'.

**PLEASE DO NOT:
Decide to do nothing or leave
our school without telling
anyone.**

We are committed to safeguarding and meeting the needs of all our children.

Whole school Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Anita Saville Executive Headteacher

Deputy Leads:

Libby Wright Head of School / *Wendy Shepard* AHT / *Michael Waterman* AHT / *Jessica Earl-Spencer* / *Monika Borzym* (EYFS) / *Kelly Brooks and Tash Harris* (Wrap Around Care)

The JHPS School Governor with responsibility for safeguarding:

Jenni Lau

The Chair of Governors at JHPS : Jenni Lau

Screening Document (SCR)

Infrequent visitors will be asked to sign in on our In-entry system. You will have your photograph taken; you must wear your identification sticker and yellow visitor lanyard at all times whilst in the school building.

You will be challenged if you are seen without this. By signing in you agree to comply with Child Protection Procedures within Joseph Hood Primary School, follow the Code of Behaviour and agree to disclose all criminal convictions spent or not. The Screening Document is updated annually.

Please switch off all mobile devices, including phones, whilst you are in school.

NEVER take photos on your phone; either in school or whilst volunteering on any off-site visits.



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SAFEGUARDING PROCEDURES

*Information for volunteers or
visiting adults*

**September 2025 -
July 2026**

**Joseph Hood Primary School
Whatley Avenue
Raynes Park
London
SW20 9NS
020 8542 2471**

**Website:
[https://
www.josephhood.merton.sch.uk/](https://www.josephhood.merton.sch.uk/)**

DBS certificates

All staff, including supply staff, regular visitors and volunteers are subject to Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificates. This is to help ensure that unsuitable people are prevented from working with children.

Advice about DBS certificates is available from the school office.

Please follow our Code of Behaviour:

Do treat everyone with respect

Do provide an example you wish others to follow.

Do remember that someone else might misinterpret your actions, no matter how well intentioned.

Do plan activities so that they may involve more than one person or at least are in sight or hearing of others.

Do act as an appropriate role model.

Do provide access for children and adults to feel comfortable enough to point out attitudes and behaviours they do not like, and try to provide a caring atmosphere.

Do not jump to conclusions without checking facts.

Do not permit abusive activities e.g. bullying, ridiculing.

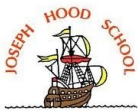
Do not play physical contact games, make inappropriate comments or have inappropriate banter with the children.

Do not make suggestive remarks, gestures or tell sexist, racist or homophobic jokes / comments.

Do not use bad language or smoke.

Do not rely on your good name to protect you. It may not be enough.

Do not believe it could not happen to you. It could!



Volunteers / Visitors Responsibility

All those who come into contact with children through their everyday work, whether paid or voluntary, are responsible for their own actions and behaviour. You should avoid any contact which would lead any reasonable person to question your motivation and intention.

At Joseph Hood Primary we all have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of our children

IDENTITY BADGES

All visitors within Joseph Hood Primary must either wear their visitors badge received from Reception with a yellow visitors lanyard.

Any adults without a yellow lanyard will be challenged.

WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD

Abuse (physical, sexual, emotional) or neglect can have a damaging effect on a child's health, education, attainment and emotional well-being. Some changes in a child's behaviour may not necessarily indicate that a child is suffering abuse or neglect. In some cases those changes may be symptoms of a hidden disability, undiagnosed medical condition or changes in medication.

If whilst working with a child you become concerned about:

- Comments made by a child
- Marks or bruising on a child
- Changes in a child's behaviour

Please report these concerns to the class teacher or phase leader, who if they feel it is appropriate, will pass the information onto the school's **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)**.

Disclosure of abuse by a child:

Whilst this can be an alarming situation, it is important that you know what to do in such an eventuality and for you to be able to stay calm and controlled.

- Listen to what is being said without displaying shock or disbelief. Accept what is being said.
- Allow the child to talk freely; listen rather than ask direct questions.
- Re-assure the child, but do not make promises that might not be possible to keep.
- Do not promise confidentiality but explain to the child that you have to tell their teacher or Headteacher in order that you can help them.
- Do not interrogate the child or ask leading questions.
- Re-assure the child that it is not their fault.
- Stress that it was right to tell.
- Make them aware that their disclosure will be reported only to those that need to know and can help.
- Record details of the disclosure immediately, including wherever possible the exact words or phrases used by the child. Sign and date the record. Report your concerns and give your written record to the Designated Safeguarding Lead / Headteacher to enable the matter to be dealt with in the most appropriate way.
- Be aware of your own feelings about abuse and find someone you can share your feelings with once the procedures have been completed.

It is important to remember that the children's details and names **must remain confidential** and any discussion that you feel you need to undertake does not allow the child to be identified to anyone else.