**DITTON PRIMARY**

**Safeguarding statement**

“Ditton Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment."

Safeguarding children in schools is about fostering a culture where children come first.

Our current Safeguarding and Child Protection policy is available on the school website.

All staff, volunteers and governors working in the school, are responsible for the operation of these policies

The Senior Designated Person for the school is Mrs J Pyne (Head of School).

The Deputy Designated Person for the school is Miss K Scott (Safeguarding Co-ordinator)

In addition, the Governing Body has a Designated Governor for Safeguarding. The Designated Governor for Safeguarding is Dr Denise Lee who can be contacted via the school.

*“In conjunction with Cheshire Police, Ditton Primary School is involved in Operation Encompass.  The purpose of Operation Encompass is to safeguard and support children and young people who have been involved in, heard or witnessed a domestic abuse incident. Following such an incident, children will often arrive at school distressed, upset, worried and unprepared. Operation Encompass aims to ensure that appropriate school staff (called Key Adults) are made aware early enough to support children and young people in a way that means they feel safe and included.*

*At Ditton Primary our Key Adult is Mrs G Oldfield (Pastoral Lead)*

*This is a valuable initiative that means we can continue to support and help children and families within our school community when they need it the most.*

**All the Staff at our School have regular updated Safeguarding training at the beginning of each academic term.**

Childline provides an [online resource](https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world) that offers information and tips on dealing with any fears children may have in relation to a terrorist incident.

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