

# CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS, VISITORS, TEMPORARY STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

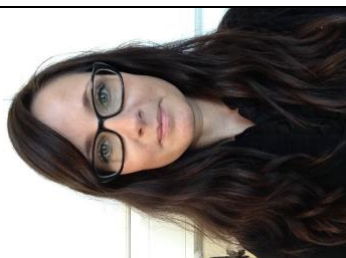
The Governors and Staff of Skilts School are committed to ensuring that the children in our care are safeguarded and protected to the highest possible standards. We also expect all visitors, temporary staff and volunteers to adopt this commitment themselves.

At Skilts School we will:

- Ensure a welcoming environment that is safe, caring and supportive
- Ensure that all children feel valued and their voice listened to
- Support children to develop and progress to their full potential
- Challenge any aspect of our provision which falls below expectations
- Recognise and report the signs and symptoms of abuse effectively
- Respond quickly and effectively to any safeguarding concerns raised
- Manage any concerns effectively and in the best interests of the child

We recognise that some children are the victims of neglect, physical, sexual or emotional abuse. We ensure our staff are trained to recognise and manage concerns about abuse and ensure effective support for those children who are involved.

If you are concerned that a child has been harmed, is being harmed, is at risk of harm or you have received a disclosure from a child you **MUST** contact a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) as soon as possible. They are:



**Clare Redman**  
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Ann Hewitt  
Deputy DSL



Tony Pridding  
Deputy DSL

**Receive information & Reassure** – Always listen, remain neutral, accept what is said, stay calm and always reassure the child. Do not promise confidentiality.

**React & Record** – Only ask open questions, explain what happens next to the child, report first verbally & then in writing to the Designated Safeguarding Lead as soon as possible.