

## Our Safeguarding Statement 2023

At Fir Vale School, there is nothing more important to us than the physical, emotional health and well-being of our pupils and staff. We recognise that every day we are trusted with the most precious members of your family. We have created and work hard to maintain a climate in which staff, pupils, parents and governors feel able to articulate concerns comfortably, safe in the knowledge that effective action will be taken, as appropriate.

Our Safeguarding and Child Protection policy applies to all adults, including volunteers, working in or on behalf of our school. We expect everyone working in or for our School to share responsibility for keeping children safe from harm and abuse and report any concerns to one of our **Safeguarding Team**.

### Fir Vale School - Safeguarding Team

**Designated Safeguarding Lead**



**Rachel Smith**  
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**Deputy Safeguarding Leads**



**Jenny Cassy**  
(Teacher of looked after children)



**Viv Young**  
Attendance and Welfare Manager



**Michelle Saunders**  
SEND Admin



**Dominic Dawkins**  
Link Centre Manager



**Daniel Ramsey**  
Safeguarding Officer



**Bradie Wild**  
Behaviour Centre Manager

If you have any concerns about health and safety of a child at this education setting or feel that something may be troubling them, you should share this information with an appropriate member of staff straight away.

**Out of hours contact: Sheffield Safeguarding Hub on 0114 273 4855**



Together we must ensure that all children, their families and our staff feel safe, valued and cared for at all times and are nurtured to thrive and achieve their potential.

At Fir Vale School, children are taught about how to stay safe, including staying safe online. Our taught curriculum and programme of assemblies covers how to stay physically and emotionally healthy and includes E-safety and personal, social, health and citizenship education.