

CHILD PROTECTION STATEMENT

The Local Education Authority requires staff to report any obvious or suspected cases of child abuse which includes non-accidental injury, severe physical neglect, emotional abuse and/or sexual abuse.

This procedure is intended to protect children at risk and schools and playgroups are encouraged to take the attitude that where there are grounds for suspicion it is better to be safe than sorry. This does mean that staff risk upsetting some parents by reporting a case, which on investigation proves unfounded. In such circumstances, it is hoped that parents, appreciating how difficult it is for staff to carry out this delicate responsibility, will accept that staff are acting in what are believed to be the best interests of the child.