

# SHIRLEY CHILDREN'S CENTRE CHILD PROTECTION SUMMARY

This summary links with the following:

- Child Protection Policy
- Child Protection Whistleblowing Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Behaviour Management Policy

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## **SHIRLEY CHILDREN'S CENTRE CHILD PROTECTION SUMMARY**

All staff should carefully read Shirley Children's Centre Child Protection Policy and must not rely on this summary alone in understanding their role in child protection.

- All concerns regarding child protection should be referred immediately to the Universal Services Co-ordinator, who has a responsibility for Safeguarding in the Children's Centre. The Designated Person for Safeguarding (DPS) is **Katie Coomber**
- All staff must be aware of their duty to raise any concerns, where they exist, regarding the management of child protection, which includes the attitude or actions of colleagues.
- Shirley Children's Centre carefully follows guidance provided by Croydon Council on all matters relating to Child Protection
- Everyone including staff, governors and volunteers has a key role in Child Protection.
- The child's welfare is the children centre's paramount concern.
- Shirley Children's Centre is committed to supporting all children.
- Confidentiality is strictly adhered to however information may be shared at the discretion of the DPS.
- All staff must be aware that they cannot promise a child to keep any secrets as this may compromise the child's safety or wellbeing
- Shirley Children's Centre is committed to supporting all staff in dealing with Child Protection issues
- All children's centre staff should take care not to place themselves in a vulnerable position with a child. The children's centre will follow Croydon Council's procedures for managing allegations against staff.
- Shirley Children's Centre policy regarding physical intervention, bullying and racist incidents is set out in the Anti-Bullying and Behaviour Management Policies and must be complied with.
- The children's centre has a vital role to play in the prevention of abuse through an open and supportive ethos in which children know they are listened to.
- All staff receive training on Child Protection and this forms part of the staff induction procedure.

It is intended that by adopting this policy and keeping staff, volunteers, families and the management committee informed, trained and up-to-date with procedures, the centre can avoid the need for complaints.

However, the Universal Services coordinator is the first point of contact should you have any queries over this policy and its related procedures

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### **Policy Endorsement**

This summary is agreed and signed by the governing body of Forest Academy School



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