Children can be abused physically, sexually, emotionally or through neglect. The concerns that you have may make up part of a bigger picture which could help to prevent serious harm to a child. Giving families help at an early stage can prevent abuse and neglect.

This leaflet is the first of 3 levels of training for people who work in either a paid or voluntary role with children in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. If they have not already done so, ask your employer to talk through this leaflet with you and tell you who to contact within your organisation if you have concerns. If you think you need further training talk to the person who gave you this leaflet or to your manager.

NEVER KEEP CONCERNS ABOUT CHILDREN'S SAFETY TO YOURSELF

CONTACTS

South West Child Protection Procedures
www.swcpp.org.uk
Local Safeguarding Children Board Website
www.safechildren-cios.co.uk

Emergency Services	999
Devon and Cornwall Police	101
Cornwall Children's Social Care Multi-Agency Referral Unit (MARU)	0300 1231 116
Cornwall Children's Social Care - out of hours	01208 251300
Isles of Scilly Children's Social Care	01720 424354
Isles of Scilly Children's Social Care - out of hours	01720 422699

Keep this leaflet in a safe place you never know when you might need it!



Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly SCB
Safeguarding Children Board

CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN
in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly
May 2016

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

No one wants to hear about children being abused, neglected or unsafe and that sometimes makes it difficult to respond so ….

Remember these three important messages:

1 **ALL CHILDREN HAVE A RIGHT TO BE SAFE NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE OR WHAT THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES.**

2 **KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.**

3 **WE ALL NEED TO LISTEN TO CHILDREN EVEN THOUGH WE MAY NOT ALWAYS BE COMFORTABLE WITH WHAT WE HEAR.**

WHO SHOULD I TALK TO IF I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT A CHILD?

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is

Natalie Simmonds – Headteacher
head@lostwithielsch.org

Cover safeguarding lead is

Kate Webber – Assistant Headteacher

kwebber@lostwithielsch.org

Our Safeguarding Governor is Rebecca Ellis. She can be contacted through the School Office 01208 872339.

If these contact people are not available please contact one of the numbers at the end of this leaflet. If these contact people are not available do not delay but contact one of the numbers at the end of this leaflet.

REMEMBER

- **It doesn't matter if you are a paid worker, a volunteer or a member of the community, you have a responsibility to act if you are worried about a child.**
- **Each agency will have someone who has a responsibility for child protection and safeguarding issues - they have had training to know what to do next.**
- **It is not your responsibility to investigate child abuse but you should tell the appropriate person within your organisation. It will be this person's job to decide whether to pass your concerns on. If necessary they will speak to Children's Social Care or the police. The police and social workers can then decide whether they need to investigate your concerns.**