



# SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

All staff working in schools have a duty to protect children who are considered "at risk of significant harm".

(The Children Act 1989)

**All staff at Abbey Wood Nursery School and Children's Centre have the general duty to promote children's safety and welfare and to seek to protect them from actual or potential harm.**

Staff must report any suspicion of child abuse to the designated teacher for safeguarding children immediately.

Students should inform the class teacher or room leader in their Base Room.

It is very important that children are not asked leading questions or further questions about any child protection incidents. The designated teacher will decide if the child should be asked to clarify anything.

London Child Protection Procedures contains the current child protection procedures and is kept in the school office.

THE TEACHER WITH DESIGNATED RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IS THE HEADTEACHER

CLARE BARBER

(or the teacher in charge in her absence)

It is her responsibility to refer cases of suspected child abuse to:

The Duty Officer

The Early Intervention Team at The Woolwich Centre

Telephone: 8921 3172

(This statement was revised in 2013)