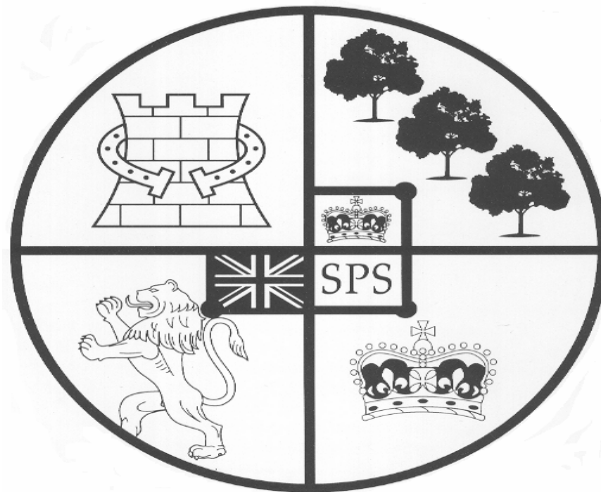


Skelton Primary School



Pastoral Care & Pupil Support Policy

POLICY FOR PASTORAL CARE AND PUPIL SUPPORT

At Skelton Primary School, we approach the care of our children in a positive way, reinforcing the philosophy and ethos of the school and following the school behaviour policy.

Our children are fully supervised and we place great emphasis on the welfare and well being of the children in our care.

We aim for our children to feel happy and secure in whatever activity they are taking part in. Teachers, non-teaching staff, welfare staff and other adult helpers are encouraged to approach the care of our children in a positive way, reinforcing the philosophy and ethos of the school and following the school behaviour policy. Full supervision also continues during all extra-curricular activities such as clubs. No child may remain in the classrooms, central resource areas, cloakroom/toilet areas or other areas of the building during playtimes and lunchtimes without adult supervision. Children may not enter the building at break times without the permission of the member of staff on duty.

Minor difficulties, worries or upsets involving any child which arise within the classroom or in the playground are dealt with by the class teacher or the member of staff on duty. The child or children concerned are always fully involved in any discussion about an incident or concern.

More serious incidents or concerns about a child's behaviour, health or welfare will be referred to the class teacher, or senior member of staff if appropriate.

A child's parents or guardians may be contacted if it is felt necessary to involve them in dealing with a particular situation or concern. This is usually carried out by means of personal contact when the child is collected from school or by a telephone call or letter.

Parents are always welcomed and encouraged to contact their child's class teacher, the Deputy Headteacher or Headteacher if they have any concerns or worries. We encourage parents to share concerns about home circumstances or medical matters which may affect their child's work or behaviour in school. Any discussions are held in confidence if desired or necessary.

All our children are encouraged to talk freely and openly to any member of staff if they have any worries or problems of any kind on a work or personal level. Staff respond to children in a sympathetic and concerned way, offering advice, support, guidance and reassurance, in confidence if appropriate.

Our school places strong emphasis on the individuality of every person and the children are encouraged to be positive and supportive in their approach to people who may seem 'different' through a disability or by their physical appearance.

As a school we have established and now maintain close liaisons with the various outside agencies involved in the care of children. These include the Community Wardens, Social Services, the Police and Fire Service. In particular our links with the Police include regular talks and discussions about road safety and being aware of strangers. We also maintain a very close working relationship with people, such as the School Nurse and the Educational Psychologist.

Health and hygiene checks by the Health service are organised at various intervals throughout a child's career. The School Nurse, Mrs Marjorie Elliot, is available for help and advice to individual parents and can be contacted on 01287 284033. Advice on health issues can also be obtained from Skelton Health Centre on 01287 650430.