

# Safeguarding Statement



Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in SPLASH is considered our first priority, and everyone's responsibility. As such, our setting aims to create the safest environment within which every child has the opportunity to achieve their full potential. SPLASH recognises the contribution it can make in ensuring that all children registered or who use our setting feel that they will be listened to and appropriate action taken.

We will do this by working in partnership with other agencies and seeking to establish effective working relationships with parents, carers and other colleagues to develop and provide activities and opportunities throughout our curriculum that will help to equip our children with the skills they need. This will include materials and learning experiences that will encourage our children to develop essential life skills and protective behaviours.

All our staff members are trained in Child Protection and Safeguarding Children, and the designated safeguarding officer for the setting is Sarah-Jane Lowson. All staff are fully aware that they have to safeguard the welfare of the children by reporting any concerns to the designated safeguarding officer. It is the duty of the designated safeguarding officer to make a referral to other agencies or the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) where appropriate.

SPLASH employment practices include rigorous vetting of all staff and volunteers to ensure children against the likelihood of abuse in our setting. SPLASH has procedures in place for managing complaints or allegations against a member of staff, which includes contacting the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO): Please see our Safeguarding policy (page 4-5)

SPLASH has a range of policies and procedures for safeguarding children and staff that are available to view in our setting and on our website: <http://splashdevon.org.uk/about/8-policies-and-practice-guidelines>

## **Manuals kept in setting:**

What to do if you're worried a child is being abused 2015  
Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015  
Devon's Safeguarding Children Board Threshold Toolkit 2013

For more information please speak with a member of staff:

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