

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Millthorpe School considers the protection of children in its care to be one of its major priorities and responsibilities.

Millthorpe School teachers and other adults associated with the running of the school are well placed to observe children and to note any indications which might lead to the early detection of child abuse.

Whilst recognising the necessity of good relationships with parents of children in our care and aiming to preserve these wherever possible, Millthorpe School acknowledges that the child's protection is paramount.

To prepare staff for their responsibility in relation to the protection of children, Millthorpe School will develop awareness of the incidence, gravity, signs, symptoms, nature and categories of abuse. It will also stress the availability of the support which exists within the school as outlined in the school's procedures for staff and the Education Support Service which will enable staff to fulfil their responsibility and follow the procedures identified by the Area Child Protection Committee in its North Yorkshire Child Protection Guidelines and Procedures handbook.

Copies of the school procedures will be found in the Millthorpe School staff handbook.