

Thornton Primary School  
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Everyone has a responsibility  
to make sure that children  
within Thornton Primary  
School are safe.

If you see anything that  
concerns you please do not  
decide to do nothing or  
leave the school without  
telling someone

## Thornton Primary

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# Keeping our Children Safe



Please read this leaflet  
carefully—it tells you  
about how we keep our  
children safe in school and  
how you can help us to do  
this.

## What do we expect of visitors to our school?

When you visit Thornton there are some guidelines we would like you to follow.

- Firstly please wear your badge at all times so that we know you have signed in and you are authorised to be in school.
- If you are a regular visitor and have a DBS certificate then we will need to see this for our Single Central Record.
- Please do not use your mobile phone whilst in school for any reason.
- If you see anything at all relating to the Safeguarding of children that concerns you, please ensure that you speak to the DSL's. You can find their information in this leaflet.
- If you have a concern about the Head-teacher then you should address this concern, via Reception, to the Chair of Governors.

**At Thornton we pride ourselves on our Safeguarding practices. You can help us to maintain this good practice and keep all our children safe.**

**SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY IN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

## How do we keep children safe?

### DBS Checks

DBS stands for Disclosure and Barring Service. Anyone who works regularly with children in

Thornton needs to have an enhanced DBS certificate. All staff, regular visitors and volunteers, as well as members of the Governing Body, are subject to this check. We record this information on our Single Central Record which can be inspected by Ofsted during a visit.

If you have a DBS certificate and visit school regularly we will expect to see this certificate.

If you want to work or volunteer at Thornton you must have a DBS check before you start working with us.

More information about DBS certificates is available at <https://www.gov.uk/disclosure-barring-service-check/overview>

### Staff Recruitment

When we recruit staff we follow the Safer Recruitment practice and there is always someone on the interview panel who has had Safer Recruitment Training.



## Who is responsible for Safeguarding at Thornton?

At Thornton safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. Our mantra is 'It could happen here' therefore everyone is expected to be vigilant about children's safety and welfare. However, there are certain people who lead Thornton's Safeguarding practices and make **sure that guidelines, policies are implemented, and any concerns are addressed.**

### Governing Body

Safeguarding is a collective responsibility for the whole of the Governing Body.

The Governor with named responsibility for Safeguarding is Tharack Ahmed

He is a governor and the vice chair at Thornton Primary School and has been in governance for around 8 years.

*'There can be no issue of greater importance to parents and carers, or to school, than the safety of their children; safeguarding remains high on Ofsted's agenda and will continue to do so.'*

Ofsted Safeguarding Schools; best practice.

**If you have any safeguarding concerns about children outside of school, then please do not hesitate to contact:**

**Police 999**

**Family Services 0121 303 1888**

**NSPCC 0800 800 5000**

### Identity Badges

School staff wear identity badges signifying their position in school. All visitors are required to sign in at Reception and will be provided with a visitor badge which must be visible at all times whilst in the School.