Howe Dell
DAY CARE

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SCHOOL

Howe Dell Staff to contact with Lead Safeguarding Responsibility 2026-2027

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What do I do if I have a concern about children being safe?

- Come and speak to any of the people listed here who have Designated Senior Leader roles
- Senior leaders are on the playground before and after school
- If you phone, speak to Mel Allgood in the Office and mention you have a safeguarding concern, and she will find a Designated Senior Lead to talk to you

SAFEGUARDING LEAD GOVERNOR: Mary Murphy

Mary joined the Full Governing Board in January 2026. Mary is the lead safeguarding governor and has already undertaken a full review of safeguarding at Howe Dell including taking part in a discussion with our Yr 3-6 children.
Mary is also Link Governor for MFL and History



Mary was previously Vice Chair of Governors at The Reddings as well as a School Appeals Chairman for HCC and comes to us after a long career in banking and consultancy in the City of London.
"Being a Governor brings many opportunities to get involved, support the school and all the staff and really make a real difference for the children, to make the school the best it can possibly be. I am excited to be here."

EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER: Miss Prickett



Miss Prickett is the Designated Senior Lead at Howe Dell and this is a position she held since becoming a Head Teacher in January 2006

Safeguarding is 'everyone's responsibility' and it is Miss Prickett's responsibility that this is embedded within the culture and practice o Howe Dell.

Miss Prickett is responsible for the strategic overview of Safeguarding and through the teams of DSLs, ensures that knowledge and understanding is current and safeguarding practice across the provision is robust and is quality assured.

Miss Prickett is a certified Police champion and is a Hertfordshire Therapeutic accredited tutor.

Location: School

DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER: Mrs Ritchie



Mrs Ritchie is Deputy Head teacher and leader of Phase 3.

She has worked with families signposting them to support, attended Child in Need / Child Protection meetings and worked with various professionals.

At Howe Dell, she supports with staff training and reports on safeguarding to Governors termly. Mrs Ritchie leads on safeguarding in Years 4 - 6 and is the school's PREVENT lead.

Location: School (Mon / Tues / Thurs / Fri)

SENIOR ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER: Miss Christmas

Miss Christmas is Senior Assistant Headteacher and leader of Phase 2.



She is responsible safeguarding in Phases 1 and 2.

Miss Christmas is also our EVC lead and she oversees risk assessments for our enrichment visits.

Location: School

ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER OF INCLUSION: Mrs Bridges



Mrs Bridges joined the team in 2026. She leads inclusion at Howe Dell. She is our child looked after lead and allergy lead.

Mrs Bridges oversees the inclusion team, ensures health care plans are in place and leads safeguarding for pupils with SEND.

Location: School

INCLUSION HUB LEADER:
Jenny Field



Mrs Field is part of our inclusion team. She is one of our deputy DSLs.

Mrs Field supports families with 'early help' and takes the lead on Young Carers at Howe Dell School

Location: School (Tues – Fri)

EXTENDED SERVICES MANAGER: Mrs Worsley

Mrs Worsley has a number of roles within Howe Dell including; Extended Services Manager leading Breakfast/Runway Club and the holiday play schemes and Teaching Assistant

Mrs Worsley is responsible for following up on Record of Concerns and contacting outside agencies when needed. Her role as Extended Services Manager includes working at the Holiday Playschemes and following through concerns during this holiday period. Mrs Worsley works closely with the DSL from the leadership team that is on call during the holidays.

Location: Extended Services



EXTENDED SERVICES DEPUTY MANAGER: Mrs Saldin

Mrs Saldin has a number of roles within Howe Dell including; Extended Services Deputy Manager supporting Runway Club and the Holiday Playschemes, teacher and a Designated Senior Person for Safeguarding.



Mrs Saldin is responsible for following up on Record of Concerns and contacting outside agencies when needed. Mrs Saldin's role as Extended Services Deputy Manager includes working at the Holiday Playschemes and following through concerns during this holiday period. She works closely with the leadership DSL that is on call in the holidays.

Location: Extended Services

DAY CARE MANAGER: Mrs Reck

Mrs Reck is our Day Care Manager, and she worked previously as a Senior Outreach Worker for the Children's Centre. Through this role she led all of Hatfield's Children's Centres, under the Hub at Birchwood. She is a Designated Senior Leader for Day Care and PREVENT Lead.



She is supported by the Deputy Day Care Manager and the Assistant Day Care Managers who are also DSLs.

Location: Day Care

DEPUTY DAY CARE MANAGER: Mrs Esty

Mrs Esty is a Designated Senior Leader for Howe Dell Day Care. As the Deputy Day Care Manager and Curriculum Lead, she is also responsible for auditing Record of Concerns and deputises in the manager's absence. Melissa supports Day Care families by working with other professionals.



Within her role, Mrs Esty implements and oversees the bespoke curriculum for Day Care, for children from three months to rising five-year-olds.

Location: Day Care

ASSISTANT DAY CARE MANAGER (currently seconded to the main school): Miss Carter

Miss Carter is a Designated Senior Leader for Howe Dell Day Care. Hannah is currently seconded to the main school to support with maternity leave cover.



Assistant Deputy Manager: Miss Hickmott



Miss Hickmott is a Designated Safeguarding Leader for Howe Dell Day Care alongside her role as Acting Assistant Deputy Manager.

Miss Hickmott plans and provides age related activities for children from three months to rising two-year-olds.

Location: Day Care