A child means everyone under the age of 18.

Children need the right help at the right time to address the concerns.

We are all responsible for the welfare of children and keeping them safe.

What is safeguarding?
Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as: protecting children from maltreatment, preventing impairment of children’s health or development; ensuring that children grow up in a safe environment with effective care and taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

How will school safeguard my child?

**Always Act**
Staff will always act and pass on concerns to the Safeguarding Lead in School.

All concerns, discussions and decisions made and the reasons for those decisions are recorded in writing.

**Know How**
Staff know how to identify children who may benefit from early help.

All staff have read the Keeping Children Safe in Education Part One, the Child Protection policy and the Staff Behaviour Policy.

**Know the different**
Staff are trained to know the different types of abuse and neglect.

Anyone can make a referral to children’s social care if they have identified a child who may need further help or protection.

At Southwark, the Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Matthews.