Points to Remember

* Most children are not abused
* The best way to safeguard children is by working in partnership with parents and children
* Children rarely lie about abuse, so if they tell you something is happening to them, believe them, however unlikely or shocking it may seem.
* It is not your duty to investigate allegations of abuse, only to report them
* Occasionally false allegations of abuse may be made, so don’t allow workers to put themselves in vulnerable positions. This protects children as well as staff.
* If someone feels uncomfortable about another worker’s behaviour they should share their concerns. It is often only by fitting together the jigsaw pieces of information that children are protected.
* It is better to discuss concerns about the welfare of a child than to keep your worries to yourself.

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