

Safeguarding Statement

St George's Catholic School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

The school is a safe, happy and ordered environment for children where adults are always vigilant about their care.

The culture of this school is one that it is safe for children and unsafe for adults who would pose a risk to children. All staff and visitors will be subject to safer recruitment checks.

We have a number of policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment, including our Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy which can be viewed in the Policies section of our website.

The Safeguarding Policy has obvious links with the wider safeguarding agenda so when agreeing or reviewing the policy, links are made with other relevant guidelines and procedures such as (but not limited to):

- Safe Recruitment
- Code of Conduct
- Online safety
- Children Missing in Education
- Disqualification
- Social Networking
- Health and Safety
- Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy

We listen to our pupils and take seriously what they tell us. All school staff are trained in Child Protection, and children are made aware of the adults they can talk to if they have any concerns. Staff are trained to look out for signs of physical/emotional harm or neglect and are required to report these to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with their parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

We actively support the Government's Prevent Agenda to counter radicalism and extremism.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) is Mrs Alison McNamara (Assistant Headteacher and SENDCo). Our Designated Deputy Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Edwina McDonnell (Headteacher), Mr Damian Lake and Mrs Helen Crocker.

Safeguarding children is everybody's business