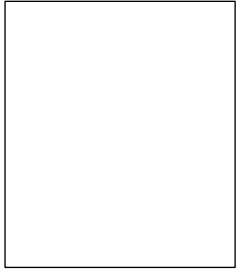


St George's Safeguarding Team



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Assistant Head/SENCo
Mrs Alison McNamara



Deputy DSL (DDSL)
Headteacher
Mrs Edwina Mc Donnell



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Assistant Head
Mrs Louise Carpenter

Children's Social Care on **0300 123 2224**
Email: childrens@somerset.gov.uk
Police: **101 or in an emergency 999**

If you see or hear anything that causes you concern, please let a member of the safeguarding team know.
It is always better to tell someone, no matter how small or insignificant it may seem at the time.



Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership

Safeguarding is everybody's business. If you are worried about a child or young person please contact:

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Keeping our children safe

St George's Catholic School

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Please read this leaflet carefully – it provides information on how you can help keep our children safe when visiting St George's Catholic School.

What we expect of visitors to our school

When you visit St George's Catholic School, there are some guidelines for you to follow:

- Please wear your badge at all times so that we know you have signed in and you are authorised to be in our school.
- If you are a regular visitor and have a DBS certificate, we will need to see this and take a photocopy of it.
- Your mobile phone must be switched off at all times whilst on the school premises.
- If you have any safeguarding concerns, you must share these with a member of the safeguarding team before leaving our school.
- If you have a concern about a member of staff, please speak to the Headteacher or Assistant Headteachers.
- If your concern is about the Headteacher, you should inform the Chair of Governors, via the school office.

At St George's Catholic School, we pride ourselves on our Safeguarding practices. You can help us to maintain this excellent practice and keep all our children safe.

What you need to do

If a child discloses anything of concern:

- React calmly.
- Listen carefully to the child, particularly what is said spontaneously.
- Do not promise confidentiality. Explain to the child that you must pass on the information they have shared with you.
- Do not ask leading questions or make judgements. Clarify what they are telling you by being professionally curious. Ask them to tell you more or explain further, but don't offer suggestions or tell them what you think they are trying to say. You can take notes to gain an accurate report.
- Reassure the child that they are doing the right thing.
- Record carefully what the child says in their own words including how and when the account was given. Share your concern immediately with a member of the safeguarding team.

Child abuse can happen to any child regardless of elements such as gender, culture, religion, social background, ability of disability.

A copy of the schools Safeguarding Policy is available on the school website. You can also request a copy at the school office.

Keeping Yourself Safe

- Be professional. Be careful how you interact with or speak to a child, the child may interpret it differently.
- Avoid physical contact with children unless you are preventing them from immediately harming themselves or others.
- Avoid being on your own with a child, always ensure that a door is open and that you are visible to others.
- It is best not to do anything for a child that they can do for themselves. Always tell the safeguarding team if a child touches you or speaks to you inappropriately.
- If you have concerns about the conduct of staff, it is your responsibility to inform the Headteacher/Assistant Headteachers.

Remember...if in doubt...**ASK** and **TELL** the safeguarding team.