

Further information and guidance on the procedures can be found on Cumbria Safeguarding Children Partnership (CSCP)

<https://cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk/>

Other useful websites include the NSPCC and Barnados.

For help and support referrals can be made to the child and adolescent Mental Health team (CAHMS) Tel: 01900 324200 and The Howgill Centre Tel: 01946 62681

Suggested websites to support families:

[www.cumbrialscb.com](http://www.cumbrialscb.com)

[www.bullying.co.uk](http://www.bullying.co.uk)

[www.parentlineplus.org.uk](http://www.parentlineplus.org.uk)

[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

The full "Child Protection/Safeguarding policy" and "Behavior Policy—including our Anti-Bullying Policy" can be viewed at the school office or accessed via our school website.

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**Designated Safeguarding Lead**

**Mrs C Newland**  
**Designated Safeguarding Lead**  
**SENCo**

**Mrs D Douglas**  
**Designated Safeguarding Lead**

**Mrs J Lowrey**  
**Kidsafe Tutor**

**Mrs W Lightfoot**  
**Nominated Governor for Safeguarding**

**All staff at St Mary's have been trained in 'Prevent'. They will take any action necessary should any issue arise.**



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# Safeguarding

➤➤ **St Mary's Catholic  
Primary School**



St Mary's Primary School recognises the importance it gives to all pupils' welfare and Safeguarding.

*'Everyone who works with children has a responsibility for keeping them safe. No single practitioner can have a full picture of a child's needs and circumstances and, if children and families are to receive the right help at the right time, everyone who comes into contact with them has a role to play in identifying concerns, sharing information and taking prompt action.'*

*Working Together to Safeguard Children - 2018*

The school's Safeguarding Policy applies to all staff and other adults, working in school, who come into contact with children.

The safety and welfare of all children is the responsibility of everyone working in school. The Executive Head Mrs Slack and Head of School, Mrs Newland, are the Designated Safeguarding Lead with responsibility for Safeguarding/child protection and Mrs Douglas in their absence. Miss Straughton is the Nominated Governor with responsibility for Safeguarding/child protection.

St Mary's Primary School is committed to the welfare of our children and we regard the safeguarding of children as paramount.

Most children enjoy generally happy childhood experiences within their own family. Unfortunately for some, this is not the case. During difficult family times, everyone who knows the child must do the best they can to protect them from future harm. The purpose of this good practice leaflet is to share with you our excellent safeguarding practice and the responsibility we have to Safeguard all pupils.

The school works to safeguard children through;

- Safe processes-the school's policies are there to safeguard children

Our Aims:

- Establish and maintain an ethos where children feel secure and encouraged to talk and are listened to within an open and positive school atmosphere.
- Ensure that children have an identified member of staff in school who they can talk to and systems in place such as the "worry box" if they are worried or are in difficulty.
- Include in the curriculum activities and opportunities for PHSE/Citizenship & Kidsafe which equip children with the skills and the need to stay safe from abuse which will help children develop realistic attitudes to the responsibilities of adult life, particularly with regard to childcare and parenting skills.
- Every effort will be made to establish effective working relationships with parents and colleagues from other agencies, such as the police and social care.
- All teaching and non-teaching staff are aware of their need to safeguard children and of their responsibilities in identifying and reporting possible cases of abuse and to monitor children known or thought to be at risk of harm.
- Ensure that all adults within our school who have substantial access to children have been checked as to their suitability, in accordance with OFSTED regulations.
- To make any referrals necessary to ensure the well being of pupils is safe-guarded. The Governing Body of St Mary's takes seriously its responsibility under Section 175 of the Education Act 2002 to safeguard and promote the welfare of children; and to work together with other agencies to ensure adequate arrangements within our school to identify, assess, and support those children who are suffering harm.
- Have a commitment to develop productive, supportive relationships with parents and involving children in decision making through the

school council

*'Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all practitioners should make sure their approach is child centred. This means that they should consider, at all times, what is in the best interests of the child.'*

*Keeping Children Safe in Education – September 2022*

All parents experience difficulties at various times that can be helped by other family members or close friends. If someone you know is having difficulties, you could offer the following:

- A listening ear
- Ideas to cope with problems
- Encouragement to get some help
- Practical support (childcare etc.)

However there may be times when a child may be at risk of significant harm and professional support needs to be provided. The safety & welfare of children is everyone's business. If parents/carers, staff, family or community members have concerns they must report these concerns to the local safeguarding team (Cumbria Safeguarding Hub).

Protecting children is your responsibility too!



Useful

contacts