



St Paul's Catholic Primary School Safeguarding Statement

Our school is a place of learning, a place of love

St Paul's Primary and Nursery School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We believe the safeguarding of our pupils is vitally important and is the key to our success as a caring, community school.

"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 2026.

All schools have a clear responsibility placed on them by the Children Act 1989, and by guidance from the DfE to safeguard the welfare of their pupils. In doing so, schools are expected to consult with the Children, Schools & Family Service if they believe there is a possibility that a child may be suffering from abuse or neglect.

St Paul's Catholic Primary School and Nursery will ensure that:

All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly.

- the welfare of the child remains paramount
- all children have the right to be protected from harm
- all staff and volunteers working at the school have a responsibility to report concerns to the designated member of staff

We have several policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment, including our Child Protection Policy, which can be viewed in the statutory section of our website.

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 his/her 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 Senior Person for Child protection (DSP) is Mrs Katie Worton-Geer (Executive Headteacher). Our Deputy DSP is Mrs Lisa Crook (Deputy), Mrs Katie Cook (KS2 Lead/AHT), and Ms Allen (KS1 Lead/). The Designated Governor for safeguarding is Ms Sharon Robson

What you can do

Parents and carers play a role in safeguarding children in their community. If you have any concerns, no matter how small, you should report them to someone who you trust will listen. The school is required to have a designated child protection officer for this purpose. Parents and children should speak to the safeguarding officer if they have any concerns about a child or staff member.

If you think a child or young person may be in immediate danger, call 999. Otherwise contact Children's Services on 0300 123 4043.

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