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WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT A CHILD

If you are worried about a child's safety please do not hesitate to contact any of the Designated Safeguarding Leads straight away.

The following members of staff are Designated Safeguarding Leads for St John's Church of England **Primary School:**

> Mrs D West-Gaul (Headteacher)

Mrs R Monks (Deputy Head and SENCO)

Mrs G Stone (EYFS and KS1 Lead)

Mrs S Dando (Nursery Manager)

They can be contacted via the school office email, or by telephone on 01761 412019.

For a copy of our school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, please visit the 'Key Policies' page on our school website and follow the link to the MNSP policies.

Dear Parents and Carers

At St John's Church Of England Primary School, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and our top priority. Anyone who comes in to contact with children and their families has a role to play. As part of that, we are going to send out a new termly safeguarding newsletter informing you of any recent safeguarding news. This newsletter will focus on the Designated Safeguarding Leads, Keeping Children Safe in Education updates and what to do if you have any concerns.

What is a Designated Safeguarding Lead?

Governing bodies should ensure that the school or college designates an appropriate senior member of staff to take lead responsibility for child protection. Key aspects of the 'Designated Safeguarding Lead' role include:

- Making sure all staff and visitors are aware how to raise safeguarding concerns
- Ensuring all staff understand the symptoms of child abuse and neglect
- Referring any concerns to social care or other appropriate agencies
- Monitoring children who are the subject of child protection plans
- Maintaining accurate and secure child protection records
- Raising awareness of the school's safeguarding policies and procedures, and ensuring they are implemented and reviewed regularly

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:



Mrs West-Gaul



Mrs Monks



Mrs Stone



Mrs Dando

Safeguarding Governor

Our Safeguarding Governor at St John's C Of E Primary School is Andrew Snee. The safeguarding governor's responsibilities include:

- Behaviour and recruitment of both staff and volunteers, ensuring the school is following safe recruitment procedures.
- Reviewing all activity and policy relating to the physical and emotional well-being of all children.
- Seeking improvement to ensure the school follows best practice in creating a productive and safe environment for all.



Keeping Children Safe In Education 2021

Keeping Children Safe in Education is a statutory Department for Education document which all schools must follow when carrying out their duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. It covers many aspects of safeguarding including different forms of abuse, early help processes, safe recruitment, how concerns must be reported and the role of the Designated Safeguarding Leads. <u>Click here</u> for the full document.

Key changes to be aware of in KCSIE part 1 2021

More emphasis on online safety. Be aware that:

- ⇒ Technology is a significant component in many safeguarding issues
- ⇒ Abuse can happen online, offline, or both

Children can abuse their peers online. This can include:

- ⇒ Abusive, harassing or misogynistic messages
- ⇒ Non-consensual sharing of indecent images (particularly in chat groups)
- \Rightarrow Sharing of abusive images and pornography to those who don't want to receive such content

Additional forms of peer-on-peer abuse have been added:

- ⇒ Abuse in intimate personal relationships between peers
- ⇒ Causing someone to engage in sexual activity without their consent
- Also, prejudice-based and discriminatory bullying have been added as examples of types of bullying (bullying was already a form of peer-on-peer abuse staff should be aware of)

There's additional emphasis that victims should be taken seriously, supported and kept safe, and never made to feel like they are creating a problem for reporting abuse, sexual violence or sexual harassment

Report any concerns

If you suspect a child is being abused or is in danger of being abused please contact a Designated Safeguarding Lead, or any member of staff.

If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police immediately on 999.

Useful contacts if you are worried and need advice:





Safeguarding Curriculum

We believe that one of the best ways to safeguard children, is through equipping them with the knowledge and skills for how they can keep themselves safe.

Safeguarding themes are threaded through our curriculum and the enrichment opportunities we offer in school. Some examples include:

Our 'Jigsaw' scheme is delivered from Year 1 to Year 6

Online safety discussions in computing lessons and termly parent guides sent out Links with the NSPCC (assemblies etc)

Involvement in Anti-Bullying week

School nurse visits

Themed safety events (e.g. Bikeability)









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