

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Child Protection and Safeguarding for Visitors



At St Joseph's Catholic School we are committed to the safeguarding of all our pupils, staff and visitors. Safeguarding is a priority with arrangements in place to ensure learners feel, and are safe on school premises and during off site activities.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

- Protecting children from maltreatment;
- Preventing impairment of children's health or development;
- Ensuring that children have the provision of safe and effective care; and
- To enable children to have optimum life chances.

The pupils' safety and wellbeing are paramount and safeguarding initiatives are developed to impact positively upon this.

All volunteers (including parent helpers) are required to undergo a DBS check.

We ask that all volunteers maintain confidentiality, school linked issues to do with children and staff should not be discussed outside of the school premises.

If, during your visit to the school, you witness behaviours (by a child or adult) that you deem to be inappropriate, please inform the member of staff who you are with immediately. You will be asked to complete a child welfare/concern form that will be given to the Headteacher.

Similarly, if you have any safeguarding concerns and/or if a child makes a disclosure to you please pass these on to the Designated Child Protection person.

Mrs Davies is the Designated Person for Child Protection and **Mrs Foan**, as Deputy Headteacher, will deputise for this role in her absence. Mrs Messenger, as Welfare Assistant, will also be informed of any Child Protection concerns.