

## **SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT**

### **KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN OUR SCHOOL**

**ST PETERS C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL is committed to Safeguarding and promoting the safety and welfare of young people.**

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Under Section 11 of the Children's Act 2004 the school has a responsibility to safeguard and promote its young peoples' welfare. This responsibility complements Section 175 of the Education Act 2002.

What does the school do to make this happen?

In order to meet this responsibility the school will, through its actions, policy and practice:

- Have a Leadership Team who are committed to the importance of safeguarding and promoting young peoples' welfare.
- Have a whole staff team who are made aware of how young people will be protected and safeguarded within the school and are fully aware of how to report any concerns over their protection, safeguarding and welfare.
- Have a clear statement of responsibility in relation to safeguarding as laid out in our Safeguarding Policy, Health & Safety Policy, Induction Policy and Training Schedules.
- Have clear lines of accountability within the school that are again exemplified through our Safeguarding Policy.
- Provide opportunities for young people to express their views and feelings which are supported through the school's use of a Counsellor, The School Council, as well as accessibility of all staff including, senior managers, and Child Line information and guidance that is readily available throughout the school.
- Provide training to staff in relation to safeguarding and protection of young people that will be provided at the intervals laid out in the school's Safeguarding policy and the national regulation and guidance.
- Have recruitment procedures that support the safeguarding of young people, as laid out in the school's Recruitment policy and DBS Clearance procedure and national guidance.
- Work effectively with other Agencies and Parents/Carers who are directly concerned with the safeguarding and welfare of the young person.

Our primary concern is to ensure your child feels happy and safe while in our care – they are then free to focus on their work and be successful in their learning journey through school.

We ask for your support with this by sharing information and telling us if there is something going on outside school that may have an effect on them during the school day. Please don't ever feel like you're making a fuss or think the issue is too small to tell us – effective communication is key to your child's happiness and we are always willing to listen.

You can contact or speak to your child's class teacher after school or to Mrs Browne or another member of the Senior Leadership Team, all of whom are happy to talk though any concerns or worries you may have

All parents/carers are asked to sign an Acceptable IT Usage Agreement when their child starts school and it is expected that our parents and carers will uphold all of our school policies. When children reach years 5 and 6, and wish to bring a mobile to school, they are required to sign a Mobile Device Agreement. Only those walking to and from school without an adult may bring in a mobile phone.

Information regarding Health and Safety, online safety and information regarding collection from school clubs etc. is regularly included in newsletters, leaflets and letters that are sent out from school. If you are unsure – just ask.

### **Security and Safety on the School Site**

Every member of staff wears a photo I.D name card. Visitors and volunteers also wear visitor badges to show they have followed the security checks at the reception. Everyone who visits the school during the day does so via the school office, where they sign in and can be greeted by a specific member of staff.

The importance of personal safety is emphasised through our curriculum, during assemblies and by inviting special guests into school to talk to our pupils. We always encourage pupils to speak to an adult if they are worried or upset and regularly remind children of where they can go to find support in school.

At certain times of the year pathways can be slippery; we need all parents, carers and visitors to take care when walking around our site, particularly in winter. Further information regarding inclement weather and school procedures regarding this can be on the website or via our winter newsletters.

If anyone notices a Health and Safety issue they must report it to a member of staff immediately who will take the necessary action to inform specific staff/address the issue.

We have many other procedures in school in relation to Health and Safety, please see specific school policies for information related to this issue.

### **Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Checks**

Everyone who works with our pupils, including volunteers or Governors at our school who are involved in regulated activity (has regular contact with our children) has a DBS check. This means specific checks have been carried out to ensure their suitability to work with children.

## **Safeguarding**

Our school adheres to ‘Keeping Children Safe in Education’ and Guidance for Safer Working Practice for Adults who work with Children and young People in Education Settings.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education>

<http://www.childrenengland.org.uk>

Every member of staff holds a current Safeguarding Child Protection Training Certificate from the Local Authority. They are trained in recognising signs of abuse and know exactly what to do if they have concerns about any child in school – this training is renewed every 2 years, however further extra training takes place at our school during this time. We have 3 Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL’s) at our school, they ensure that information regarding Safeguarding is shared with staff, new staff are trained and Safeguarding remains of highest priority. Their training is updated every 2 years. Our DSL’s are Mrs Browne, Ms Tuckett and Mrs Goodwin.

As part of their induction, all members of staff and volunteers are provided with important information regarding Safeguarding. Supply teachers are also given information so anyone working with our pupils are aware of the school’s Safeguarding procedures.

Please see our school’s Safeguarding Policy and other areas of our website for further information. If you ever have concerns regarding a child’s welfare, do not hesitate to contact one of us.

## **Online Safety**

Online safety is fundamental in our quest to keep children safe – at home and school. Online safety is an integral part of the curriculum. Our school gives out regular information regarding Online safety, how children should use the internet and other types of media safely and the risks if children have unrestricted access to sites they are too young for. If a site has an age restriction, then it is there for the safety of all children. All of our pupils are expected to keep to our Online safety Rules.

It is not a school’s position to tell parents how to raise their children – we are obliged however, to advise and share concerns around internet use as the internet can also open the door to a world our children should be protected from.

If you would like further information regarding keeping your children safe on the internet, please see the Online safety section of our website and our school’s Online safety Policy.

## **Bringing and Collecting your Child from School**

The school gate opens at 8.30am and close at 8.40am; they will open again at 3.15pm and close at 3.25pm. The school cannot take responsibility for any children arriving before 8.30am in the morning. Registration is completed by 8.45am. Any children arriving after this time will be marked as late.

At the end of the school day, parents/carers collect their children from their child's class teacher on the school playground. If parents/carers want their child to leave with anyone other than their named contacts they will need to let the office staff/class teacher know. We will not allow any child to go home with another adult without your permission. On the rare occasion that a parent/carer is going to be late picking their child up, they must contact the school office and collect their child from there.

We would anticipate that pupils may start walking home on their own from Year 5; however we must have written permission from you to allow this to happen.

### **Bikes/Scooters to School**

We do have an area outside the school office where bikes and scooters can be stored - we recommend bikes/scooters are locked. We would expect all pupils from EYFS – Year 4 to be accompanied on their bikes and expect cycling helmets to be worn by all children cycling to and from school. The school provides opportunities for bike safety training in Year 6 and we expect our parents/carers to spend time talking to their own children about safety issues if they are allowing their child to ride to school. No bikes or scooters are to be ridden on the school site.

### **Road Safety**

We expect parents, carers and visitors to park safely and legally on the roads around our school site.