



Safeguarding Statement

In St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, we take the welfare of our children very seriously whether this is in school or out of school. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and we expect all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.

We aim to do this by:

- Providing a safe environment to learn
- Identifying children who are suffering or are likely to suffer significant harm and taking appropriate action, with the aim of keeping them safe both at home and at school.

To achieve these aims we:

- Have procedures to help prevent unsuitable people from working with the children
- Promote safe practice and challenge any poor or unsafe practice
- Identify instances where there are grounds for concern about a child's welfare and initiate or take appropriate action to keep them safe
- Contribute to effective partnership working between all those involved in providing services for our children

We have a number of safeguarding measures in place including the following:

A Safeguarding Statement. Safeguarding Policies: (General and Child Protection). A Safer Recruitment Policy

These may be found on our website.

We consider a number of our other policies have shared child protection responsibilities:

Health and Safety	Health and Safety in Technology	First Aid & Pupil Sickness
Asthma	Medical Needs	Drug Education
Drug Incident	E Safety and AUPs	Positive Handling
Anti Bullying	Race Equality	Single Equalities and Action Plan
Pastoral Care	Intimate Care	Fireworks
SunSmart	Filming	CCTV
Food	Jewellery	Smoke Free
Hot Drinks	PSHCE	SRE
Educational Visits	Attendance	Whistleblowing
Various Premises Documents	Good Behaviour	Playtimes & Lunchtime Behaviour
Special Educational Needs	Allegations Against Staff	Confidentiality
EHWB	All Health and Safety Polices	All Medical Policies
Procedure for First Day Calling	Safeguarding Adverse Disclosure Form	Allegations Against Staff or Volunteers
Taking Pupils Off Roll P&P	Missing Child During the Day P&P	Pupil Handover at End of Day
Transfer of Pupil CP Records P&P		

We carry out a yearly safeguarding Audit which informs our development points for the year.

We have a number of other strategies and procedures which help us to keep our children as safe as we can.

Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. During these times we do our best to discuss these with the parents/carers first unless we believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare or we have been advised not to do so. At all times, we keep the child at the heart of our processes.

We have a team of qualified Safeguarding officers across both schools.

The responsible designated person in Barking is Miss Lynne Warrilow, Head of School.

The responsible designated person in Dagenham is Mrs. Natalie Holden, Head of School.

Our safeguarding governor is Father Stephen Myers.