

Safeguarding Issues

Attendance—your child's attendance is monitored daily and significant absences are followed up by school. The school has an attendance policy that you should read and understand.

Behaviour — St Mary's C of E primary school has clear behaviour policy to keep everyone happy and safe.

Bullying—The school takes all cases of bullying very seriously and will work with children and families to try and resolve any problems. The school has an anti-bullying policy that you should read and understand.

Health and Safety—Everyone at St Mary's C of E primary school has a responsibility to ensure the school site is safe for adults and children. The school has a clear health and safety policy which everyone must follow. The school have fully trained first aiders to deal with any accidents in school. Risk assessments are carried out regularly.

E-safety - The school recognises that technology plays an important role in the education of our children and is committed to safeguarding children in the virtual world. E-safety information is shared with parents to help keep your children safe both in school and at home. We advise parents to be vigilant in the use of online equipment by their children. School devices are filtered appropriately and children are supervised when online. They understand that they must report anything they find inappropriate to an adult.

Complaints—If you have any complaints about how the school is working with you or your child, please feel confident to speak to us. You can raise these with the class teacher and if this has not been resolved, the headteacher. It is better to speak to us as soon as you have a concern so that it does not become a bigger issue. If you do not feel the matter has been resolved, please follow our complaints policy found on our website.



St Mary's

Safeguarding



Mrs Bailey
Headteacher



Mrs Bee
EYFS lead



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Safeguarding is EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY

Everyone in our school who comes into contact with children and their families play a role in safeguarding children.

Should you have a concern, or a disclosure is made to you, please ensure you speak with one of our safeguarding leads.

Policies that are linked to the information in this leaflet:

- Safeguarding Child Protection Policy
- Health & Safety Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Medical Policy
- E-Safety Policy
- Complaints Policy
- Attendance Policy

All policies are on our website

Child Protection

St Mary's C of E Primary School is committed to ensuring all children are safeguarded and that pupil welfare is paramount. The school is committed to creating a happy and safe environment for our children to learn.

This leaflet will help you understand how we keep your children safe by telling you:

- How children can be harmed
- What we must do to keep you child safe from harm
- What you must do as a parent to help your child be safe and enjoy school
- Safeguarding issues you need to be aware of

Harm is identified in four ways:

Physical—This is when a child is deliberately hurt or injured

Sexual—This is when a child is influenced or forced to take part in a sexual activity. This can be a physical activity or none physical, e.g. being made to look at an inappropriate images.

Emotional—This is when a child is made to feel frightened worthless or unloved. It can be by shouting, using threats or making fun of someone. It can also be when children see their parents, or visitors to the home, fighting or using violence

Neglect—This is when a child is not being taken care of by their parents. It can be poor hygiene, poor diet, not keeping appointments for additional support, not coming to school or being left home alone

School's role

A child should be able to go to school and feel safe so that they can achieve their very best. The school ensures that children feel secure and encouraged to talk and are listened to within an open and positive school atmosphere.

Some of the steps we take at St Mary's C of E to keep children safe:

- Clear routines for keeping the building and site safe
- Complete relevant checks on adults working with children
- Clear health and safety policies and procedures
- Ensure all staff are suitably trained
- All staff know how to report concerns
- Culture of 'it could happen here'
- Maintain good relationships with parents/carers
- Keep up to date with policy changes

Education:

As part of our commitment to keep children safe, we will help your child to learn about a range of topics including...

- Keeping themselves safe
- Healthy eating
- Anti-bullying
- E-safety
- Road safety
- Healthy relationships
- Living in the wider world

As part of these lessons your child will be told what to do if they are worried or concerned about their safety

Parents role

Parents are the most important people to keep their children safe.

You should always:

- Feel confident to raise concerns about your child.
- Talk to school if you need help or support.
- Read the school policies about safety issues
- Let us know if your child has a medical condition or allergy
- Let us know if you have any court orders relating to the safety of your child
- Let us know if there is a change in your circumstances such as a house move, a new contact number, a change of name, a change of parental responsibility
- Let us know who will be collecting your child, if it is not a parent
- Provide at least two other emergency contacts.
- You must inform the school of any changes to agreed arrangements.
- Let us know if your child is going to be absent and the reasons why.

If we have concerns about a child:

Where concerns are raised, we may take the following steps, depending on circumstances and the concerns that we have:

- Discuss with parents/carers
- Contact early help advisors for support and advice
- Make referrals to a range of specialist agencies such as CAMHS, Healthy family team, Speech and Language.
- Make a referral to social services

Useful websites:

[Safeguarding children - Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub \(MASH\) |](#)

[Nottinghamshire County Council](#) (If you have concerns about a child you can report this here)

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/>

<https://www.operationencompass.org/>

www.bullying.co.uk

www.parentlineplus.org.uk

www.childline.org.uk