



Safeguarding Statement. Autumn 2023

At St Catherine's School we are committed to creating and maintaining a safe environment for all pupils.

Keeping Children Safe in Education places the following responsibilities on all schools: Schools should be aware of and follow the procedures established by the Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Board

- Staff should be alert to signs of abuse and know to whom they should report any concerns or suspicions
- Schools should have procedures (of which all staff are aware) for handling suspected cases of abuse of pupils, including procedures to be followed if a member of staff is accused of abuse, or suspected of abuse
- A Designated Senior Person/Lead has responsibility for co-ordinating action with the school and liaising with other agencies

A duty is placed upon **all** adults within our school to safeguard and promote the welfare of the children.

Aims of Safeguarding Procedure and practice at St Catherine's School;

- To include child protection arrangements and staff code of conduct at staff inductions
- To ensure annual reviews of the Child Protection policy and its implementation
- To provide a safe school in which we actively promote the safety of every child, including safety online
- To provide a safe environment where children feel secure, are encouraged to express their feelings on matters relating to safety and are listened to when they have a worry or concern

- To ensure that the children know that there are adults in the school whom they can approach if they are worried
- To ensure that designated staff, including governors, receive appropriate training to enable effective oversight and monitoring of the safeguarding policy and procedure
- To provide regular Safeguarding training to all staff so that they are knowledgeable and aware of their role and of the appropriate procedures to follow
- To provide a message to all adults within our community, that we are a safe school
- To embed messages about Personal Safety into our curriculum
- To ensure newly appointed/elected governors attend relevant safeguarding training

Key People

Child Protection/Safeguarding Designated Senior Person
 Child protection/Safeguarding Deputy Designated
 Senior Person

**Mrs J Fitzgerald,
 Mrs J Devonshire,
 Mrs J Fitzgerald,**

Chair of Governors

Mr Peter Falconbridge

Safeguarding Governor

Mrs Cathy Irons

A copy of the school Child Protection Policy is available on request from the school office