



# Sacred Heart School

## EYFS Policy

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## INTRODUCTION

This Policy provides information about the Nursery and Reception classes within the School.

The Early Years are a critical stage of development for every child. During this time children develop rapidly physically, socially, intellectually and emotionally. The Early Years Foundation Stage aims to build on what children already know and develop key skills such as listening, speaking, concentration, persistence, learning to work together and to co-operate with others. It is also about developing early communication, literacy and numeracy skills and forming a secure foundation for learning, as preparation for the next stage in their education.

We seek to provide:

- **Quality and consistency**, so that every child makes good progress and no child is left behind.
- **A secure foundation** through learning and development opportunities which are planned around the needs and interests of each child and are assessed and reviewed regularly.
- **Partnership** working between practitioners and parents.
- **Equality of opportunity** and anti-discriminatory practice, ensuring that every child is included and supported.

At Sacred Heart School our Early Years Foundation Stage Department consists of Little Hearts Nursery and Reception class, each led by qualified and experienced Teachers and supported by qualified and experienced Foundation Stage Practitioners.

Safeguarding is a high priority for all our staff who will abide by the terms of the school's policy on the use of Mobile Phone and Photographic Devices – Please see Appendix 1

Parents and visitors are requested to adhere to this protocol also.

## ADMISSION

Children are admitted into the Nursery following the child's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday for a minimum of 2 sessions per week. Parents are encouraged to build up sessions when the child starts receiving their Early Years funding. Children may join the Nursery at any time up to their Reception Year, if spaces are available. The school welcomes children into Reception from other settings. Children joining at the start of Reception year are invited to visit for taster days and encouraged to attend a regular session(s) in the Summer Term prior to joining to ensure a smooth transition. If children apply to start during the Reception year, they also attend taster sessions.

## AIMS FOR THE EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE

The most important element of any school is the people, whether they are pupils, staff, parents or visitors. We offer a warm, welcoming and inclusive environment, in the firm belief that happiness, satisfaction and contentment leads to improved performance.

The importance of the role played by parents as first educators of their children is recognised and respected. Every endeavour is made to work closely with parents, informing and involving them in every aspect of their child's education, both academic and emotional.

At Sacred Heart School we believe that childhood is a time of play, and through play we discover the excitement of learning, the rewards of achievement, and acquire our life skills. The Foundation Stage setting is purpose built. With its bright, colourful, well-planned and busy environment it encourages children in the development of skills, attitudes and understanding that will help them to become confident, useful and active members of a diverse, constantly-changing society. It is through this process that children will work towards achieving the Early Learning Goals at the end of their Reception year.

Children need to be guided to become independent learners, to think wisely, be confident, balanced and compassionate while developing their own particular talents and abilities to the full. Such skills are best achieved in an environment that is stable, secure and safe but at the same time, one which is exciting, stimulating, rewarding and fun. At Sacred Heart School there is firm commitment to these principles and the Early Years Foundation Stage underpins all future learning by supporting, fostering and promoting investigation, exploration and experimentation.

We provide a broad and balanced curriculum that will enable each child to develop personally, socially, emotionally, spiritually, physically, creatively and intellectually to their full potential.

### **The four guiding principles that shape our practice:**

- Every child is a unique child, who is constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.
- Children learn to be strong and independent through positive relationships.
- Children learn and develop well within enabling environments and teaching and support from adults, who respond to their individual interests and needs and help them to build their learning over time. Children benefit from a strong and positive partnership between the school and parents.
- Learning and development is important. We recognise that children develop and learn in different ways and at different rates.

## **LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Our EYFS Curriculum is based on observations of children's needs, interests and stages of development. In partnership with parents, the school promotes the learning and development of pupils to ensure they are ready for the next stage of education. This is guided by Development Matters and Birth to 5 Matters. Both are non-statutory curriculum guidances for the EYFS.

### **Statutory framework for the EYFS 2024**

There are seven areas of learning and development that shape the educational programmes in EYFS settings. These are split into two sections: prime and specific, however all the sections are interconnected and important.

The **prime** areas of learning and development are:

- Communication and Language
  - Listening, attention and understanding
  - Speaking
- Physical development
  - Gross motor skills
  - Fine motor skills
- Personal, social and emotional development
  - Self-regulation
  - Managing self
  - Building relationships

The **specific** areas of learning and development are:

- Literacy
  - Comprehension
  - Word reading
  - Writing

- Mathematics
  - Number
  - Numerical patterns
- Understanding the World
  - Past and present
  - People, culture and communities
  - The natural world
- Expressive Arts and Design
  - Creating with materials
  - Being imaginative and expressive

The Early Learning Goals (ELGs) do not prescribe the curriculum or in any way limit the wide variety of rich experiences that are crucial to child development. Rather, the ELGs are used to support teachers to make a holistic, best fit judgement about a child's development and their readiness for Year 1.

We enhance the learning experience by providing a variety of academic, social, artistic, musical and sporting experiences, including inviting visitors to the school and trips off site.

Activities are planned to reflect children's interests and individual circumstances in order to provide each child with a challenging and enjoyable experience. Each area of learning and development is implemented through activities the teacher identifies are the most effective for the children they are teaching. The school responds to each child's emerging needs and interests, guiding their development through friendly and positive interaction.

## **CHARACTERISTICS OF EFFECTIVE LEARNING**

We ensure that our environment and delivery of the curriculum incorporates the three characteristics of effective teaching and learning:

- **Playing and exploring** - children have opportunities to investigate and experience things, and 'have a go'. Through play, our children explore and develop learning experiences, which help them make sense of the world. They practise and build up ideas, learn how to control themselves and understand the need for rules. They have the opportunity to think creatively alongside other children as well as on their own. They communicate with others as they investigate and solve problems.
- **Active learning** - children have time and space to concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy their achievements. Active learning occurs when children are motivated and interested. Children need some independence and control over their learning. As children develop their confidence, they learn to make decisions. It provides children with a sense of satisfaction as they take ownership of their learning.
- **Creating and thinking critically** - we encourage and support children to have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things. Children are given the opportunity to be creative through all areas of learning. Adults support children's thinking and help them make connections by showing interest, offering encouragement, clarifying ideas and asking open ended questions. Children access resources independently and move around the classroom freely and purposefully to extend their learning.

## **THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AND OUTDOOR SPACE**

- The Early Years Foundation Stage classrooms are purpose built and are organised to allow children to explore and learn securely and safely. There are specific areas where the children can be active, be quiet, creative etc.
- Children have access to both inside and outside areas during the day; this has a positive effect on the children's development. Being outdoors offers opportunities for doing things in different ways and on different scales than when indoors. The children can explore, use their senses and be physically active and exuberant. All areas of the curriculum can be explored outside.

## **TEACHING AND LEARNING STYLES**

Children are individuals and we plan to build on their prior experiences and interests, their skills and knowledge.

We recognise that children have different learning styles:

- Teachers observe the children and identify preferred learning styles in order to create opportunities to match children's preferred styles of learning.
- Diverse methods of teaching are therefore employed.
- Children are taught through topics which incorporate their interests.
- The curriculum is delivered through a combination of child/teacher led activities.
- Activities are adapted as required to engage/extend individual children.
- We observe, record and assess children's development in all areas.
- Some children will need skills/information presented in a variety of ways before learning is secure.
- We aim for teaching which engages and involves children to interact and contribute positively.

## **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES, INCLUSION AND SEND**

**We promote inclusive practice.**

We aim to make 'reasonable adjustments' for any child with learning difficulties and disabilities:

- Ramps and disabled toilets are available within the school to provide access for children with physical disabilities
- Our curriculum is respectful and inclusive of a child's ethnicity, faith and cultural heritage, and the special needs of each child. Opportunities are planned within circle time and assemblies, festivals, stories, indoor and outdoor activities. We are a Catholic school teaching and promoting tolerance, respect and understanding through learning about other faiths and cultural festivals. In this way, children learn about, value and celebrate differences.
- The SENDCo assesses and devises individual setting-based support plans as necessary and advises teachers/practitioners. We communicate with parents if we have any concerns and, with consent, will seek the support of outside agencies where appropriate.
- The school is proactive in identifying and helping those children with special educational needs, including gifted children.

## **INDEPENDENCE**

Fostering a sense of self-worth, well-being, confidence and positive learning dispositions in all children is an important priority and one of our strengths.

We encourage self-esteem, making success possible by:

- Child friendly indoor and outdoor areas
- Consistent routines
- Labelled lockers
- Clearly labelled and well organised classrooms
- Encouraging good table manners, correct use of knife and fork to make eating a successful and sociable experience
- We value and praise independence
- We encourage parents to help children achieve independence at home with dressing, sharing targets/next steps and celebrating achievements (WOWs)

## **STAFFING AND SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN**

- We have a team of highly qualified, dedicated, caring and professional Teachers and Practitioners in the EYFS, who plan and work together to provide a high quality curriculum.
- We have a robust Recruitment Policy in place, to ensure that members of staff employed in the EYFS are suitably qualified and appropriate to work with children.
- Before commencing duties, all EYFS staff receive induction training to ensure that they understand their roles and responsibilities.
- The school provides a staffing ratio in line with the safeguarding and welfare requirements set out in the 'Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage' 2024.
- Staff are organised to meet the needs of the children and to ensure their safety.
- Children are supervised at all times and there are regular headcounts during the day. This is when moving between areas of the school, after playtimes, after lunch and when children go home. We ensure that ratios are met at all times.
- Registers are taken in the morning and after lunch.
- Staff are supported to undertake the further training and professional development to ensure children receive the best quality learning experience.
- All members of staff who have contact with children and families are supervised by the Head of Foundation Stage. The supervisions provide opportunities for staff to:
  - Discuss any issues, particularly concerning the development or wellbeing of children, including any child protection concerns.
  - Identify solutions to address issues.
  - Receive coaching to improve their effectiveness.
- Children who need a sleep will bring in a sleep blanket and will be provided with a clean muslin to rest their head on. The muslins will be washed after each use. The children will sleep in a quiet area where other children do not have access to. They will be checked regularly by a member of staff.

## **KEY PERSON**

Each child is assigned a Key Person. In the Nursery this is one of the practitioners and in Reception this is the class teacher. The role of the Key Person is to help ensure that every child's learning and care is tailored to meet their individual needs. The Key Person engages and supports parents and/or carers in guiding their child's development at home. They also help families engage with specialist support if appropriate. Staff information is provided on the school website as well as in the school handbooks.

## **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AND COMMUNITY LINKS**

We provide a happy and supportive environment, forging strong, positive partnerships between home and school.

- The school has an open-door policy and parents/carers have contact with teachers at the start and end of the day. Parents are encouraged to email the Head of Foundation Stage if they would like to discuss anything about their child.
- Parent consultations are held termly.
- Parents' expertise is used to enhance curriculum work when applicable. (e.g. People who help us; Around the World topics)
- Home/school books are used to communicate with parents.
- Diary dates are issued termly to inform parents of all forthcoming events.
- Weekly newsletter captures the previous week's activities and highlights future events.
- Weekly photographs are displayed on our website.
  
- The PTA arranges a variety of events throughout the year for parents and children alike and keeps in touch via their termly newsletter or bulletins in the weekly newsletter. The funds they raise are channelled into enhancing the school environment and experience for all children.
- Sacred Heart School supports charities, both locally and internationally, fundraising in a variety of ways involving and often led by the children.

## **TRANSITION**

Starting school can be an unsettling time for young children, therefore we plan carefully for a supported and smooth transition to enable each child to settle quickly and happily.

Prospective Nursery and Reception children are invited to a taster session before their official start date. We also have a twice monthly Parent and Toddlers session which they can attend. Teachers are on hand to meet and greet parents with their children and answer any questions they might have. In Nursery, parents are encouraged to come in and settle their children at the beginning of the sessions if needed.

When children join us from other settings we aim to visit them and observe them in their familiar setting and talk to their Key Person. If a visit is not possible this is done over the phone.

The transition between Nursery and Reception is calm and happy, well managed and organised as the children are familiar with all the learning spaces, staff and routines.

## **SAFEGUARDING AND WELFARE**

All necessary steps are taken to keep the children in the setting safe and well. Any safeguarding or welfare issues are dealt with in line with Safeguarding Policy, and all members of staff in the EYFS are required to read this policy as part of their induction training.

- The EYFS DSL is Mrs HT and the DDSLs are Mrs Collyer, Mrs Gabriel and Mrs Alcock.
- The DSL is responsible for safeguarding children and liaising with local children's services as appropriate.
- The DDSLs undertake the duties of the DSL in their absence, but overall responsibility for safeguarding in the EYFS remains with the DSL.
- The DSL and DDSLs undertake child protection training as required.
- All staff receive regular safeguarding training that enables them to understand the safeguarding policy and procedures, have up-to-date knowledge of safeguarding issues, and recognise signs of potential abuse and neglect.

We promote good health and manage behaviour effectively in a manner appropriate for the children's stage of development and individual needs. We ensure that the setting, furniture and equipment is safe



and suitable for the purpose for which it is intended. We maintain records, policies and procedures required for the safe and efficient management of the setting and to meet the needs of the children.

It is important to us that all children are 'safe'. We aim to educate children on boundaries, rules and limits and help them understand why they exist. We provide children with choices to help them develop this important life skill. We encourage children to take risks and highlight the importance of keeping themselves safe by teaching them how to recognise and avoid hazards. We aim to protect the physical and psychological well-being of all children. (See our Safeguarding policy)

### **Healthy Eating**

All children in Nursery are provided with a healthy snack each day as well as being given a choice of a drink – milk and water. They have access to water at all times. Reception children bring in their own healthy snack. A hot lunch is provided at lunchtime for all children. The menu is published so that parents know what their child is eating during the school day.

### **Intimate Care**

Please refer to the Intimate Care Policy – see Appendix 2

## **ASSESSMENT, RECORDING AND REPORTING**

Assessment plays an important part in helping the school to recognise children's progress, understand their needs, plan activities and assess the need for support.

Parents are kept up-to-date with their child's progress and development, and the Head of Foundation Stage addresses any learning and development needs in partnership with parents.

Formative assessments are used to assess the learning and development of children in the EYFS. Staff members observe children to understand their level of achievement, interest and learning styles. The information is then used to shape learning experiences for each child.

The role of observation is to inform planning and so facilitate learning.

At Sacred Heart School, in the Foundation Stage we assess, record and report in the following ways:

- Baseline on entry in both Nursery and Reception
- Daily communication between teachers, EYFS practitioners and parents
- Termly parent consultations
- A two year check completed jointly between the school and the Health Visitor
- A transition report as children move from Nursery to Reception
- Reporting to parents takes place twice yearly in Reception. The EYFS profile is completed at the end of Reception by the class teacher.

## **FUNDING**

The universal offer of 15 hours of free childcare is available to all parents of children in the term following their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday until they leave Nursery.

For eligible parents the opportunity to access a further 15 hours is available. To check whether you are eligible for the additional childcare funding please visit [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

15 hours of free childcare is available to some parents of children in the term after they turn 9 months. To check whether you are eligible for the additional childcare funding please visit [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

## **CONCLUSION**

We are a reflective staff and evaluate our practice.  
This policy should be read in conjunction with the main School policies.

Further details on the organisation and daily practice of the setting can be found in the EYFS booklets and new parents' Information Pack.

## **MONITORING AND REVIEW**

It is the responsibility of those working in the Early Years Foundation Stage to follow the principles stated in this policy.

This policy is reviewed annually by the Head, the Head of Foundation Stage and the Governing Body. Any changes made to this policy are communicated to all members of staff.

## Sacred Heart School

### Electronic Devices and Photography Policy

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## **Introduction and Aims**

At Sacred Heart we recognise that mobile phones, including smart phones, are an important part of everyday life for parents/carers and staff, as well as the wider school community.

Our policy aims to:

- Promote, and set an example for, safe and responsible phone use
- Set clear guidelines for the use of mobile phones for pupils, staff, parents/carers and volunteers
- Support the school's other policies, especially those related to child protection and behaviour

This policy also aims to address some of the challenges posed by mobile phones in school, such as:

- Risks to child protection
- Data protection issues
- Potential for lesson disruption
- Risk of theft, loss, or damage
- Appropriate use of technology in the classroom

## **Roles and responsibilities**

### **Staff**

All staff (including teachers, support staff and supply staff) are responsible for enforcing this policy. Volunteers, or anyone else otherwise engaged by the school, must alert a member of staff if they witness, or are aware of, a breach of this policy.

The Headteacher is responsible for monitoring the policy every two years, reviewing it, and holding staff and pupils accountable for its implementation.

### **Use of electronic devices including mobile phones by staff**

The school accepts that employees will bring their mobile phones to work. However,

- Employees are not permitted to make/receive calls/texts during work time (excluding break times).
- Staff mobile phones must be switched off during teaching times. Devices must be kept in a cupboard or drawer and not be left on display. In the Foundation Stage building personal mobile phones are only used in the staff room.
- In the event that an employee has a particular reason, for a specified period of time, they may request via the Head that they leave their phone on during working hours. In such instances the phone should be left in the school office to receive calls, alternatively the caller should be asked to use the office number.
- Staff are not at any time permitted to use recording equipment on their mobile phones, for example: to take photographs or videos of children; or to use personal cameras or recording equipment; or to store and/or share images of children on their personal computers.
- Staff mobile phones should not be used in a space where children are present (eg. Classroom, playground) and may only be used during rest periods.

## **Personal mobile phones**

Staff (including volunteers, contractors and anyone else otherwise engaged by the school) are not permitted to make or receive calls, or send texts, while children are present. Use of personal mobile phones must be restricted to non-contact time, and to areas of the school where pupils are not present (such as the staffroom).

There may be circumstances in which it's appropriate for a member of staff to have use of their phone during contact time. For instance:

- For emergency contact by their child, or their child's school
- In the case of acutely ill dependents or family members
- During the Lockdown Procedure

The headteacher will decide on a case-by-basis whether to allow for special arrangements.

If special arrangements are not deemed necessary, school staff can use the school office as a point of emergency contact.

## **Data protection**

Staff must not use their personal mobile phones to process personal data, or any other confidential school information, including entering such data into generative artificial intelligence (AI) tools such as chatbots (e.g. ChatGPT and Google Bard).

## **Safeguarding**

Staff must refrain from giving their personal contact details to parents/carers or pupils, including connecting through social media and messaging apps.

Staff must avoid publicising their contact details on any social media platform or website, to avoid unwanted contact by parents/carers or pupils.

Staff must not use their mobile phones to take photographs or recordings of pupils, their work, or anything else which could identify a pupil. If it's necessary to take photos or recordings as part of a lesson/school trip/activity, this must be done using school equipment.

## **Using personal mobiles for work purposes**

In some circumstances, it may be appropriate for staff to use personal mobile phones for work. Such circumstances may include, but aren't limited to:

- Emergency evacuations
- Supervising off-site trips
- Supervising residential visits
- For medical purposes eg for diabetic children

In these circumstances, staff will:

- Use their mobile phones in an appropriate and professional manner, in line with our staff code of conduct
- Not use their phones to take photographs or recordings of pupils, their work, or anything else which could identify a pupil
- Refrain from using their phones to contact parents/carers. If necessary, contact must be made via the school office

## **Sanctions**

Staff that fail to adhere to this policy may face disciplinary action.

## **Use of electronic devices by pupils**

Children are **not** permitted to bring electronic devices including mobile phones to school other than with prior agreement. An example of this would be a phone required for medical purposes when a risk assessment will be completed.

## **Use of electronic devices including mobile phones by parents/carers, volunteers and visitors**

Parents/carers, visitors and volunteers (including governors and contractors) must adhere to this policy as it relates to staff if they are on the school site during the school day.

Visitors to the school are advised that electronic devices including mobile phones and other photographic devices must be switched off whilst on the school premises, unless required for undertaking work on behalf of the school.

This means:

- Not taking pictures or recordings of pupils, unless it's a public event (such as a school fair), or of their own child
- Using any photographs or recordings for personal use only, and not posting on social media without consent
- Not using phones in lessons, or when working with pupils
- Take photos or recordings of pupils, their work, or anything else which could identify a pupil

Parents who take photos of their child at school events (assemblies, sporting events) must agree that such materials will not be displayed on social media, such as Facebook. This undertaking is included in the Photo Permission Form which parents are requested to sign when they join the school.

Parents/carers must use the school office as the first point of contact if they need to get in touch with their child during the school day.

Parents/carers, visitors and volunteers will be informed of the rules for mobile phone use when they sign in at reception or attend a public event at school.

## Sacred Heart School

### Intimate Care Policy

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## **Aims**

This policy aims to ensure that:

- Intimate care is carried out properly by staff, in line with any agreed plans
- The dignity, rights and wellbeing of children are safeguarded
- Pupils who require intimate care are not discriminated against, in line with the Equality Act 2010
- Parents/carers are assured that staff are knowledgeable about intimate care and that the needs of their children are taken into account
- Staff carrying out intimate care work do so within guidelines (i.e. health and safety, manual handling, safeguarding protocols awareness) that protect themselves and the pupils involved

Intimate care refers to any care that involves toileting, washing, changing, touching or carrying out an invasive procedure to children's intimate personal areas.

## **Seeking parental permission**

For children who need routine or occasional intimate care (e.g. for toileting or toileting accidents), parents/carers will be asked to sign a consent form.

For children whose needs are more complex or who need particular support, an intimate care plan will be created in discussion with parents/carers.

If an intimate care procedure urgently needs to be carried out, the procedure will be carried out to ensure the child is comfortable, and the school will inform parents/carers afterwards.

## **Creating an intimate care plan**

Where an intimate care plan is required, it will be agreed in discussion between the school, parents/carers, the child (when possible) and any relevant health professionals.

The school will work with parents/carers and take their preferences on board to make the process of intimate care as comfortable as possible, dealing with needs sensitively and appropriately.

Subject to their age and understanding, the preferences of the child will also be taken into account. If there's doubt whether the child is able to make an informed choice, their parents/carers will be consulted.

The plan will be reviewed when needed, even if no changes are necessary, and updated regularly, as well as whenever there are changes to a pupil's needs.

See appendix 1 for a blank template plan to see what this will cover.

## **Sharing information**

The school will share information with parents/carers as needed to ensure a consistent approach. It will expect parents/carers to also share relevant information regarding any intimate matters as needed.

## **Which staff will be responsible**

All staff at the school who carry out intimate care will have been subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) with a barred list check before appointment, as well as other checks on their employment history.

## **How staff will be trained**

Staff will receive:

- Training in the specific types of intimate care they undertake
  - Regular safeguarding training
- If necessary, manual handling training that enables them to remain safe and for the pupil to have as much participation as possible



They will be familiar with:

- The control measures set out in risk assessments carried out by the school
- Hygiene and health and safety procedures

They will also be encouraged to seek further advice as needed.

### **How procedures will happen**

Intimate care routines happen throughout the day to meet children's basic needs promptly.

Children will be assisted by a member of staff in the children's toilet area. Disposable gloves are provided and may be worn. Aprons are provided but are optional. In order to maintain the child's privacy, we will carry out the majority of these actions on a one-to-one basis, wherever possible. A second member of staff will always be present in the foundation stage building.

A changing station is available in the toilet area and is cleaned with antibacterial cleanser after each use. A record book is maintained for the date, time and names of pupil and attendant staff for

- Nappy changing
- Changing wet or soiled clothing
- Any assistance in using the toilet

Used wipes and nappies are disposed of in the nappy bin.

After changing a child, the soiled clothes, if any, will be sent home in a plastic bag for laundering.

The attending member of staff and the child will wash hands thoroughly before returning to their activity.

### **Concerns about safeguarding**

If a member of staff carrying out intimate care has concerns about physical changes in a child's appearance (e.g. marks, bruises, soreness), they will report this using the school's safeguarding procedures.

If a child is hurt accidentally or there is an issue when carrying out the procedure, the staff member will report the incident immediately to the DSL in line with our accident procedure.

If a child makes an allegation against a member of staff, the responsibility for intimate care of that child will be given to another member of staff as quickly as possible and the allegation will be investigated according to the school's safeguarding procedures.