

What is safeguarding?

Members of staff, parents/carers and visitors who come onto our school premises have a duty of care towards the welfare and safety of the children who attend our school. This is called safeguarding.

Every child can potentially be hurt, put at risk from harm or abused, regardless of their age, gender, religion, ethnicity or disability.

Safeguarding means that:

- Children are protected from mistreatment.
- A children's health and mental health is protected.
- Children grow up with safe and effective care.
- Action is taken to ensure the best outcomes for all children.

At school, we have a duty of care to take action to protect ALL children. We also have to listen to children and sometimes have to contact other agencies to share any concerns.

Our Safeguarding Commitment

At St Bartholomew's C of E Primary, we are committed to providing all children with a safe and secure environment. This also includes our staff, visitors and families. All of our staff have read a key safeguarding document called 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' and receive regular training to help us keep everybody safe. We aim to safeguard and promote the welfare of children through vigilant and rigorous safeguarding procedures and early intervention and support.

Domestic violence

As a Leeds City Council school, we follow their protocol on the reporting of instances of domestic violence. This means that any verbal or physical violence in the home is reported to us by the police. We have a duty of care to ask children and families if they need any signposting or further support.

Who to contact

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. It is essential to note that parents, carers, visitors and staff all have a responsibility to keep children safe and report any actual or suspected issues. In school, we have Designated Safeguarding Leads, who are responsible for ensuring policies are followed, as well as providing advice and making referrals.

If you have any concerns, you must speak to one of our designated safeguarding leads. However, please note that sensitive information about possible neglect or abuse cannot be kept confidential. We have a duty of care and legal requirement to pass information on to keep children safe.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

Designated safeguarding lead	Miss Lawson
Deputy designated safeguarding leads	Mrs Wainwright Mr Needham Mrs Brown Mrs McCaffrey Mr Waters





Online Safety

Online safety is an important factor in today's society; therefore it is discussed and revisited throughout the school year, during both computing and PSHE lessons.

In addition, an online safety week takes place every year in school. Throughout the week children learn how to be safe when using various online applications.

With the ever growing online world, it is important that children understand the dangers of giving out personal information. Children are educated about the risks of sharing this information whilst using online gaming, social networking and various applications such as: Instagram, Tik Tok, Snap Chat and instant messenger. Both positive and negative points are raised and discussed.

The rising issue of cyber bullying is also discussed with older children and children are shown the effects this can have on an individual.

Children are asked to sign a KS1/KS2 Code of Conduct for the Acceptable Use of ICT each year.

There are lots of things you can do at home to make sure your children are safe when online. Please visit our website for more information and guides on how to keep children safe at home. Alternatively, take a photo of the QR code to take you directly to the page.

If you have any concerns, please talk to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads, who will be able to signpost you or support directly.



Further support



Safer schools is an excellent, high quality app with lots of information about how you can keep your children safe. This includes how to keep them safe online. To access, you will need our unique school code. This is _____. This app is available on Apple and Android phones.



The NSPCC website ([www.https://www.nspcc.org.uk](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)) has an excellent range of resources and information on where to gain further support, should you require.



Our school website has a vast range of information to support parents. This includes a lot of information about online safety and how you can keep your children safe when they are playing games or accessing the internet. Find more information at <https://www.st-bartholomews.leeds.sch.uk/parents/e-safety>



Leeds Safeguarding
Children Partnership

Leeds offers a range of supportive features on their website: www.leedsscp.org.uk/families. This includes children in different age groups and where to seek additional guidance and support.