



St. John's Church of England VA Primary School
Finding the light in ourselves and each other
Inspired by the Gospel according to John (chapter 8, verse 12)

An aspirational school that encourages every child regardless of their background to 'soar on wings like eagles' in their learning and personal development (Isaiah 40:31)

Safeguarding Statement

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*A truly inclusive school that is built upon the values of
Hope - Joy - Love - Forgiveness - Faith - Goodness*



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St. John's Church of England VA Primary School (*St. John's*) is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Adults in our school take all welfare concerns seriously and encourage children and young people to talk to us about anything that worries them. We will always act in the best interest of the child. We believe the safeguarding of our pupils is vitally important and is the key to our success as a caring, community school.

"Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. 'Children' includes everyone under the age of 18. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all practitioners should make sure their approach is child-centred. This means that they should consider, at all times, what is in the best interests of the child." - Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025.

All schools have a clear responsibility placed on them by the Children Act 1989, and by guidance from the DfE to safeguard the welfare of their pupils. In doing so, schools are expected to consult with the Children, Schools & Family Service if they believe there is a possibility that a child may be suffering from abuse or neglect.

St. John's will ensure that:

- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly.
- The welfare of the child remains paramount
- All children have the right to be protected from harm
- All staff and volunteers working at the school have a responsibility to report concerns to the designated member of staff

We have several policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment, including our Child Protection Policy, which can be viewed in the School Policies section of our website.

Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with his/her parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

We actively support the Government's Prevent Agenda to counter radicalism and extremism.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mr Arnold Worton-Geer (Headteacher). Our Deputy DSL's are Mrs Rachel De La Croix (Deputy Headteacher) and Miss Sam Brady (Phase leader).

The Designated Governor for safeguarding is Mr Nick Johnson



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What you can do

Parents and carers play a role in safeguarding children in their community. If you have any concerns, no matter how small, you should report them to someone who you trust will listen. The school is required to have a Designated Safeguarding Lead for this purpose. Parents and children should speak to the safeguarding officer if they have any concerns about a child or staff member.

If you think a child or young person may be in immediate danger, call 999. Otherwise contact Children's Services on 0300 123 4043.

This document is in conjunction with the Child protection policy that can be found [here](#).



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