



As many parents may be aware our school Safeguarding Governor is Mrs L Howse. She took this role on in 2014 and has a professional background in Safeguarding that gives her experience in dealing with many aspects of keeping children and families safe.

Mrs Howse and I meet termly (and often more frequently) to discuss, evaluate and review school safeguarding procedures, provision for families and to plan actions to move forward. This work is then fed back to the Full Governing Body.

Following feedback from parents about their understanding of the role and work of the Governing Body, Mrs Howse and I decided that it was timely to give parents an update on school procedures and to make parents aware of support and services available to them. We hope this is of some interest to you. If you have anything that you wish to discuss with either myself, Miss Pugh/Mrs Robb or Mrs Howse arising from reading the information provided, please do so at your convenience.

Safeguarding children is a community responsibility, by working proactively together, children, staff, volunteers, parents and families can keep everybody safe.

Whistle Blowing

In school we have an agreed Whistle Blowing Policy which sets out the responsibilities of all staff and adults on site to report any concerns regarding Child Protection or malpractice. This is available in school for reference, should any parents wish to see it.

Parents also have the responsibility to refer any issues of concern to either myself, Miss Pugh/Mrs Robb, and in the case of our combined absence (incredibly rare), any teacher in school, who will receive it sensitively and know how to take appropriate action.

Local Area Support Team

Our Local Area Support Team are able to provide support to families in a number of ways. To share a few examples this could be to:

- Offer dietary/physical and mental health advice
- Support with parenting strategies and behaviour management
- Support with your child's attendance
- Support with transition to Middle School (where appropriate)
- Support for parents of children who have Special Educational or Medical Needs.

Please do come and ask for support and advice should you need it, we are happy to simply signpost, access or refer as you require.



Child Protection Roles in School

Child Protection Officer – Miss J Parker

Deputy Designated Child Protection Officers – Miss S Pugh and Mrs S Robb

** NB all school staff are Child Protection trained and as such are responsible for ensuring the safety of all children in our care. This includes referring incidents, disclosures or observations to the Child Protection Officer.

We offer parents annually an E Safety training session, this has been arranged for Autumn 2018 already and is very informative – more details to follow in the school newsletter in the new school year. For those moving on, Middle Schools also offer this, although you would be more than welcome to pop back to St Nicholas if you have missed them in the past with us.

Number parents can ring should they wish to refer any concerns about a child to First Response themselves.

0800 1313 126

8:30am - 5:00pm Monday to Thursday

8:30am - 4:30pm Friday

