Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Everyone who works with children has a responsibility for keeping them safe. No single practitioner can have a full picture of a child's needs and circumstances and, if children and families are to receive the right help at the right time, everyone who comes into contact with them has a role to play in identifying concerns, sharing information and taking prompt action
(Working Together to Safeguard Children, HM Government July 2018)

If you have any concerns regarding the safety and well being of a child please contact Cumbria's safeguarding hub on:

0333 240 1727

Safeguarding information can also be accessed on

https://www.cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk



Cumbria Safeguarding Children Partnership

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St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Safeguarding Policy Information

Designated Safeguarding Lead :
Mrs Susan Starkie
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead :
Mrs Claire Davidson
Safeguarding /Child Protection Governor:
Mrs Margaret Woosnam

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School fully recognises its responsibilities for child protection.

The purpose of this policy is to maintain the health, safety and well-being of all our children. Our children have the right to protection, regardless of age, gender, race, culture or disability. They have the right to be safe in our school The school staff are well placed to observe the children in our care. The school will therefore:

- Establish and maintain an environment where children feel secure, are encouraged to talk and are listened to.
- Ensure children know that there are trusted adults in school who they can approach if they are worried.
- Plan opportunities and activities into the curriculum, including ICT and PSHE, for children to develop the skills they need to recognise and stay safe from abuse.
- Will make any referrals necessary to ensure the well being of a pupil is safeguarded.
- Ensure the school is always a safe environment.
- Ensure that children's identities and images are protected with regard to published information on the school, particularly on websites and in the media.

AIMS

This policy applies to all staff, governors and volunteers working in the school. The policy has six main elements:

1. To develop Catholic values throughout the school in line with our mission statement. Ensuring we practice safe recruitment in checking the suitability of staff and volunteers to work with children.
2. Raising awareness of child protection issues and equipping children with the skills needed to keep them safe.
3. Develop and implement procedures for identifying and reporting cases, maintaining accurate records and confidentiality.
4. Ensure effective communication between all staff when dealing with safeguarding issues.
5. Supporting children in accordance with their agreed child protection plan.
6. Establishing a safe environment in which children can learn and develop.

In addition the school will fully comply with national and local statutory duties and guidance. In brief: Keeping Children Safe in Education (September 2022) and the provisions in the Children's Act 2004.

The Role of the Governing Body

Safeguarding children is a collective responsibility for the whole of the Governing Body. Each school should have a designated governor for Child Protection. At St. Mary's this is **Mrs Margaret Woosnam** (who has undertaken relevant training for this role.)

Action to be taken by the school (based on Section 175 of the Education Act 2002)

We will follow the child protection procedures set out by Cumbria Safeguarding Children Partnership and available at www.cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk and take account of guidance issued by the Department of Education.

Action

Staff in school are in a good position to keep a watchful eye on children and their safety and to protect them from harm. If staff have concerns they have a duty to inform the designated person for Child Protection (**Mrs Starkie** or in her absence **Mrs Davidson)** immediately. Our full and comprehensive policy for Child Protection can be viewed on St. Mary's website,

www.kells-stmarys.cumbria.sch.uk or on request from the Headteacher or school administrator.