ST THOMAS A BECKET RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

SAFEGUARDING

Our policy is written with due regard to the Department for Education's statutory guidance: Keeping Children Safe in Education 2026

St Thomas a Becket RC Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and wellbeing of all children and young people. All staff and volunteers are expected to share this commitment.

We are fully committed to ensuring that consistent, effective safeguarding procedures are in place to support children, families and staff at school.
We ensure that all staff receive appropriate training, support and guidance to undertake the effective safeguarding of our children.

Any concerns are passed through the designated safeguarding leaders within the school.

DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEADS (DSLs)

Designated Safeguarding Lead:	**Mrs J Cooper** Headteacher
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:	**Mrs L Pearson** Deputy Headteacher
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:	**Miss G Northover** SENCO
Named Governor for Safeguarding:	**Mrs R Kunrunmi**

The safety and wellbeing of all children and young people is of paramount importance. Parents and carers send their children to school each day with the

expectation that the school provides a safe and secure environment in which their children can flourish.

We, therefore, have to ensure that this expectation becomes a reality. In order to achieve this, a wide range of measures are put into place:

- Acceptable Use Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Attendance Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy
- Equality & Diversity Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Whistleblowing Policy

The Governing Board keep these policies under regular review. St Thomas a Becket has appointed a named Governor (Mrs Rosaline Kunrunmi) for Child Protection and Safeguarding. Termly meetings are held with the Governors' Safeguarding Committee.

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 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.

Safeguarding children and young people is everyone's responsibility and anyone is able to make a referral or report a concern. Should you have any concerns about a child you can contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH):

MASH: 020 8921 3172

MASH (out of ours only): 020 8854 8888

Or you can email: mash-referrals@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Alternatively, you can contact the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)

Laura Lumbis: 020 8921 3930 or childrens-lado@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

The Royal Borough of Greenwich Safeguarding Children's Partnership is a partnership of all the different organisations working to protect children and young people across the borough. Their website brings together information for children, young people and their families as well as the professionals who work with them.

Click here to visit the GSCB website: www.greenwichsafeguardingchildren.org.uk

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) is a national charity which works to fight child abuse.

Click here to visit the NSPCC website: www.nspcc.org.uk