

# Safeguarding information for parents/carers



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## **SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS**

### **Our school motto**

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### **Our Vision**

Following in the footsteps of Jesus, each member of our community will flourish as resilient, respectful and adaptable individuals prepared for life's journey. Along the way we will encourage and inspire each other to continue growing as beacons of light in our own lives and the wider world.

### **Our Mission Statement**

St. George's Central seeks to provide quality education rooted in the Christian faith, serving the spiritual, moral, and educational needs of the community of which it is part.

### **What is Safeguarding?**

Safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children is defined as:

- Protecting children from maltreatment.
- Preventing the impairment of pupils' mental and physical health or development.
- Ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care.
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

### **What policies are linked to Safeguarding?**

There are many policies linked to Safeguarding. The main ones are:

- **Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy:**  
<https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/Policies/22/2022%20Safeguarding%20Child%20Protection%20and%20Early%20Help%20Policy%20Final%202022-2023.pdf>
- **Anti-Bullying Policy:** <https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/Policies/Anti-Bullying%20Policy%202021.pdf>
- **Behaviour and Relationships Policy:**  
<https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/Policies/Behaviour%20and%20Relationships%20Policy%202022.pdf>
- **Exclusion Policy:** <https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/Policies/Exclusion%20Policy%202021.pdf>
- **Online Safety Policy:** <https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/Policies/Online%20Safety%202021.pdf>
- **Child-on-Child Abuse Policy:**  
<https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/safeguarding2021/Child%20on%20Child%20Abuse%20Policy%202022.pdf>

### **What is the role of the Safeguarding Lead?**

The role of the Safeguarding Lead is to coordinate, signpost and report on safeguarding matters. They work closely with the different local agencies who are responsible for keeping children and adults safe.

### **Who are our Safeguarding Leads?**

In school, we have 5 staff members who are trained as Safeguarding Leads:



Mr M Grogan



Mrs O O'Brien



Mrs L Kearns



Mrs A Malley



Mrs S Davies

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At our Lancaster Avenue Nursery, we have 2 staff members who are trained as Safeguarding Leads:



Miss S-A Cowley



Mrs R Helme

We also have a Governor responsible for Child Protection and Safeguarding:



Mrs F Taylor – Chair of Governors

### **Who is responsible for Safeguarding our Children?**

**We all are.** If any parent or community member has any concerns about the welfare of any child then they must report it. Contact details can be found at the end of this document. If the child is in immediate danger, then the police must be contacted.

### **What is Child-on-child abuse?**

Child-on-child abuse occurs between children. It can occur between pupils of any age and gender, both inside and outside of school, as well as online. Please see **page 20** of the Safeguarding, Child Protection and Early Help Policy for further details. Due to the national increase of incidents relating to this type of abuse and the particular **sexual nature** of the abuse, we also have a separate Child-on-Child Abuse Policy to help deal with any issues which may arise. **Please note**, banter, children joking or 'it's a part of children growing up' **will not and do not** excuse behaviour of this type. Staff will follow these procedures, as well as the procedures outlined in the school's Anti-Bullying Policy and Exclusion Policy, where relevant. ***We advise parents to speak with their children regarding this matter, especially where children have access to mobile phones, tablets and social media.***

### **What is Neglect?**

Neglect is defined as the persistent failure to meet a child's basic physical and/or psychological needs, likely to result in serious impairment of a child's health or development. This may involve a parent or carer failing to provide a child with adequate food, clothing or shelter (including exclusion from home or abandonment); failing to protect a child from physical or emotional harm or danger; failing to ensure adequate supervision (including through the use of inappropriate caregivers); or failing to ensure access to appropriate medical care or treatment. It may also include neglect of, or unresponsiveness to, a child's basic emotional needs.

### **What does County Lines mean?**

County Lines refers to criminal activity which involves gangs and the transportation of goods, drugs and people between areas. The most recent statistics shows a growing number of primary aged children involved in this activity. County Lines falls under the category of Child Criminal Exploitation. Please see **page 22** of the Safeguarding, Child Protection and Early Help Policy for further details.

### **What is Early Help?**

Early help means providing support as soon as a problem emerges, at any point in a child's life. The DSL will take the lead where early help is appropriate. This includes liaising with other agencies and setting up an inter-agency assessment as appropriate. The local early help process will be followed as required.

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### Multi-Agency Working?

The school contributes to multi-agency working as part of its statutory duty. The school will work with CSCS (Children's Social Care Services), the police, health services and other services to protect the welfare of its pupils, through the early help process and by contributing to multi-agency plans to provide additional support.

Key Safeguarding Personnel			
Role	Name	Telephone	Email
Headteacher	Mr M Grogan	01942 883773	<a href="mailto:enquiries@admin.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk">enquiries@admin.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk</a>
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Mr M Grogan	As above	<a href="mailto:enquiries@admin.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk">enquiries@admin.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk</a>
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Mrs Lorraine Kearns	01942 883773	<a href="mailto:lkearns@admin.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk">lkearns@admin.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk</a>
Early Years Designated Safeguarding Lead (Darlington Street)	Mrs Sarah Davies	01942 883773	<a href="mailto:enquiries@admin.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk">enquiries@admin.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk</a>
Early Years Designated Safeguarding Lead (Lancaster Avenue Nursery)	Miss S-A Cowley	01942 889779	<a href="mailto:s.cowley@saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk">s.cowley@saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk</a>
Deputy Early Years Designated Safeguarding Lead (Lancaster Avenue Nursery)	Mrs R Helme	01942 889779	<a href="mailto:r.helme@saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk">r.helme@saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk</a>
Nominated Governor	Mrs F Taylor	01942 883773	<a href="mailto:enquiries@admin.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk">enquiries@admin.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk</a>
Chair of Governors	Mrs F Taylor	As above	<a href="mailto:enquiries@admin.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk">enquiries@admin.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk</a>
Designated Teacher for Children Looked After	Mrs T Leech	01942 883773	<a href="mailto:t.leech@saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk">t.leech@saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk</a>
<b>Table of key agencies contact details. They have safeguarding responsibilities within each of the roles which are set out in Keeping Children Safe in Education (2022).</b>			
Role	Name	Telephone	Email
Virtual School Head	Jennifer Mills Michelle Amberry		<a href="mailto:Jennifer.mills@wigan.gov.uk">Jennifer.mills@wigan.gov.uk</a> <a href="mailto:m.amberry@wigan.gov.uk">m.amberry@wigan.gov.uk</a>
Designated officer (Allegations) (formally known as LADO)	Sue Wharton	01942 486042	<a href="mailto:lado@wigan.gov.uk">lado@wigan.gov.uk</a>
Children's Social Care Case referrals	Duty team	01942 828300	<a href="https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Health-Social-Care/Children-and-young-people/ProfessionalReferralForm.aspx">https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Health-Social-Care/Children-and-young-people/ProfessionalReferralForm.aspx</a>
Early Help Hub	StartWell	01942 486262	<a href="mailto:EHH@wigan.gov.uk">EHH@wigan.gov.uk</a>
Wigan Safeguarding Children Partnership (WSCP)		01942 486025	<a href="mailto:wscbtraining@wigan.gov.uk">wscbtraining@wigan.gov.uk</a>
Link Social Worker	Delaine Armstrong	01942 404776	<a href="mailto:d.armstrong@wigan.gov.uk">d.armstrong@wigan.gov.uk</a>
CAMHS Link Worker	Anna Gammond	01942 764473	<a href="mailto:anna.gammond@gmmh.nhs.uk">anna.gammond@gmmh.nhs.uk</a>
School Nursing/ Health Visiting Service	Karen Oultram	01942 483008	<a href="mailto:ALWCH.astleyschoolnurses@nhs.net">ALWCH.astleyschoolnurses@nhs.net</a>
Service Delivery Footprint (SDF) Huddle Manager	Jo Berry	N/A	<a href="mailto:joanne.berry@wigan.gov.uk">joanne.berry@wigan.gov.uk</a>
Housing			<a href="mailto:HOAC@wigan.gov.uk">HOAC@wigan.gov.uk</a>

If you believe that a child or young person is at **immediate risk** of harm or injury, then contact the **Police on 999**

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