

Safeguarding Statement

At St Finbar's Catholic Primary School, the importance of safeguarding our children is our highest priority.

Our school is committed to safeguarding children and promoting children's welfare and expects all staff, governors, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment and maintain a vigilant and safe environment.

All visitors should also be aware that our robust procedures for ensuring the safety of our children take precedence over any other consideration. Identification checks and any other relevant checks are in place for all visitors. We have a colour-coded lanyard system in operation that our children are aware of, and familiar with, (please see posters around school).

Our learning takes place in a safe, caring and enriching environment. We teach children how to keep themselves safe, to develop positive and healthy relationships, and how to avoid situations where they might be at risk.

The school has a statutory responsibility to share any concerns it might have about a child in need of protection with other agencies and in particular police, health and children's services.

As a school, we are not able to investigate child protection concerns but we have a legal duty to refer them. In most cases, the school will be able to inform the parent or carer of its need to make a referral.

However, where Children's Services or police advise school not to divulge information to family members whilst a matter is under investigation, we have an obligation to comply. The school follows legislation and will always act in the best interests of the child.

We will always seek to work in partnership with parents and other agencies to ensure the best possible outcomes for the child and family.

If you have any concerns about Safeguarding please contact a member of our Safeguarding Team -

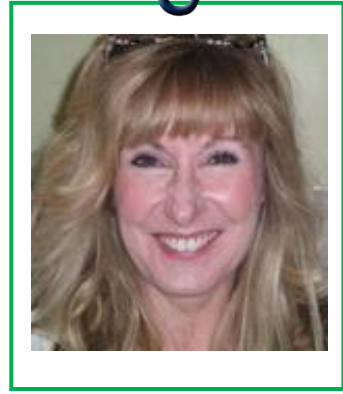
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- Mrs C Harkness – Deputy Safeguarding Lead
- Mrs K Ryan – Attendance Officer
- Mrs A Williams – Safeguarding Governor



Our Safeguarding Team



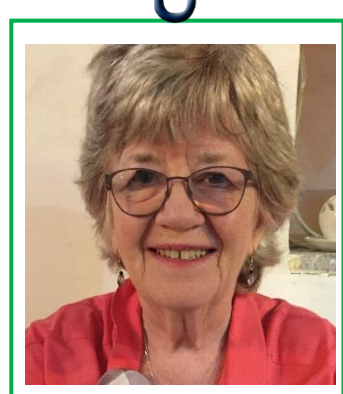
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