



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Safeguarding Team

As Our Lady instructed, we are called to follow His word (John 2:5) - learning with love, joy and hope

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding & promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff & volunteers to share this commitment. We are fully committed to ensuring that consistent, effective safeguarding procedures are in place to support families, children & staff at school.

We follow the procedures set out by the Warrington Safeguarding Children Board in the Warrington & Warrington Safeguarding Procedures and take account of guidance issued by the Department for Education (In particular Safeguarding Children & Safer Recruitment in Education 2007).

Safeguarding is the protecting of children from abuse or neglect, preventing the impairment of their health & development, and ensuring they are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe & effective care that enables all children to have optimum 'life chances' and enter adulthood successfully.

Who is the Safeguarding Team at Our Lady's?



Mr Gilby -
Head of School
DSL Lead



Mrs Storey -
Assistant Headteacher,
Teacher, SENDCO,
Deputy DSL



Miss Rowland -
Assistant Headteacher,
Teacher, Deputy DSL

Our Safeguarding Governor is Rebecca Finn

WHAT DOES THE SAFEGUARDING TEAM DO AT OUR LADY'S?

We support families and children with a wide range of needs on a daily basis. We link families regularly with many agencies, including Social Care, through 'team around the child' meetings held at school.

WHY MIGHT SCHOOL REFER TO SOCIAL CARE?

All agencies, including schools, have to follow strict safeguarding processes which mean that occasionally we have to contact Social care, either for advice or to share a concern. Reasons are many & varied including when things happen at home.

CAN ANYONE REFER TO SOCIAL CARE?

YES! Anyone who is worried about a child's welfare can contact Social Care to report a concern. You do NOT need to leave your name when you contact them with a concern. To pass on a concern to Social Care, you can call 01925 443400, where you can speak directly to an advisor (should the number change please inform DSL).

WHAT IS A DESIGNATED OFFICER?

All agencies, including schools, have a designated officer. This person at school has attended rigorous safeguarding training so they will know when to pass things on to the relevant safe-guarding parties. Our school designated officers are: Mr Gilby (lead), Mrs Storey and Miss Rowland

DOES SCHOOL OR ANOTHER AGENCY ALWAYS TELL A PARENT OF A REFERRAL TO SOCIAL CARE?

No. In order to keep children safe, sometimes we have to leave it to the experts. This type of high level concern is very rare as in most cases Social Care would ask that school or the other referring agency speak with the parents first.

REMEMBER!

School has a duty of care, as do you as parents and carers, to safeguard our children. It is all our joint responsibility to report welfare concerns to Social Care. This does not mean that children will automatically be removed from home, but that we as adults can ensure that our children will automatically be removed from home, but that we as adults can ensure that our children are able to enjoy their childhood free from harm.

The Safeguarding Team is available to meet with parents or can be contacted at school on 01925 633270. We are always here to help!