

At Nutgrove Methodist Primary School, nothing is more important to us than the safety and welfare of our pupils. We take rigorous steps to ensure that children stay safe and do not come to any harm. We work closely with parents / carers and a range of professional external agencies to secure this. If you have any concerns, no matter how small they may seem, about the safety or welfare of any child, please talk to one of the staff listed below:

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead Person in school is **Mrs R. Bottell**.

The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are **Mrs B. Hill and Mrs K Barlow**.

The named governor is **Mr. Richard McCauley**.

Our aim is always to pick up on issues early and provide appropriate support to families quickly. Sometimes, this is achieved through Early Help which can support families accessing necessary services. Information about Early Help can be found in the link below.



People sometimes wonder what the difference is between the terms *safeguarding* and *child protection*.

In practice, Safeguarding is the policies and practices that schools and Governing Bodies employ to keep children safe and promote their well-being. This means everything from security of the buildings, to the safe recruitment of staff and everything in between.

The School's safeguarding arrangements cover all aspects of life at school, in particular addressing these issues:

- Health and safety
- Bullying
- Harassment and discrimination (Including racism, LGBT groups, harassment between children / peer on peer abuse)
- Physical intervention
- Meeting the needs of pupils with medical conditions
- Provision of medical first aid
- Off-site visits
- Intimate care

- Internet and communications safety
- Physical security of the School site
- Protection from maltreatment
- Recruitment and vetting of staff and visitors to the site
- Children Missing Education
- Staff code of conduct

This is not an exhaustive list.

Child Protection is one aspect of Safeguarding. Child Protection is a term used to describe the activity that is undertaken to *protect specific children who are suffering or likely to suffer significant harm*.

If you have concern that a child is being harmed as a result of abuse or neglect, you must not keep these concerns to yourself.

If you live in St Helens Local Authority, these are the numbers that you can ring for advice and to make a referral: The Contact Centre 01744 676767.

- If you have reason to believe that a child is at **IMMEDIATE RISK OF HARM**, contact the police on **999**

As well as speaking to St Helens Authority, you can also contact:

- **Police:** 0151 709 6010 or 999 in an emergency
- **NSPCC:** 0808 8005 000

Our safeguarding Policy and related policies can be found on the Policies page.

Safeguarding is woven into our curriculum through PSHE and RSHE lessons, Computing and online safety, collective worship, dedicated wellbeing time and through special events and external visitors.

Additional advice around staying safe online can be found via the links below:

[Internet Matters](#)

From age-specific online safety checklists to guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices.

[Net-aware](#)

Support for parents and carers from the NSPCC.

[NSPCC](#)

Information for parent and carers for setting up parental controls.

[Parent info](#)

Parent info provides support and guidance for parents.

Thinkuknow

Thinkuknow is an education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline.

Common Sense Media

Common Sense Media enables parents to review apps, games, movies, books, etc that children may be interested in.