

## Safeguarding Statement

St Wilfrid's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We have a number of policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment, including our Child Protection Policy and procedures which can be viewed in the Policies section of our website.

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 his/her 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.

## Visitors Procedures

- All visitors must sign in at the main reception.
- All visitors will be issued with an appropriate pass which must be displayed at all times whilst on site.
- Visitors will be asked to remain under the supervision of a designated member of staff whilst on site.
- Visitors wishing to speak to a particular member of staff should telephone the school to make an appointment, when possible, to avoid disappointment. If you are seeking an urgent appointment please report to the main reception and we will arrange for you to see a member of staff on duty.
- Visitors must ensure mobile phones are not used in school, unless in an emergency, and under no circumstances should photos/videos be taken.
- All visitors MUST sign out at the main reception
- If a visitor is leading an assembly, lesson or pupil discussion then a member of staff will remain present and may stop the session if they feel it is detrimental to the pupils' general well-being in terms of the Prevent Agenda or personal emotional care.

## Safeguarding Staff

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Ross Bovingdon



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Katherine Bovingdon

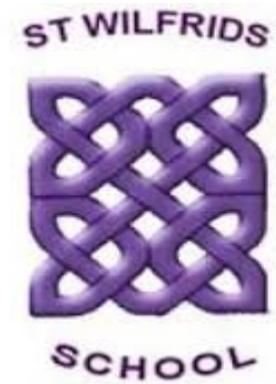


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## School Visitor Safeguarding Guide



## **What Do I Do if I am Worried About a Child?**

If you become concerned about:

- Something a student says
- Marks or bruising on a student
- Changes in a child's behaviour or demeanour
  
- ❖ You must inform the Designated Safeguarding Lead.
- ❖ If you feel that a child may be at risk of harm but are not sure then inform the Designated Safeguarding Lead immediately who will offer advice and take appropriate action.
- ❖ Child abuse happens to all children regardless of gender, culture, religion, social background and those with or without a disability.
- ❖ A copy of the school's safeguarding policy is located in the staff room or via the Head Teacher's office.

Sometimes a child may disclose information to you. If this happens then the following actions must take place.

## **What Do I Do if A Child Discloses They Are Being Harmed?**

- ❖ React calmly
- ❖ Listen carefully to the child, particularly what is said spontaneously
- ❖ Do not promise confidentiality.
- ❖ Explain to the child that you may need to pass on the information if you are worried about their safety.
- ❖ You may clarify your concern using  
What happened?  
Where did it happen?  
When did it happen?  
Who was there?

**but** as soon as your concern is confirmed ask no further questions as you could compromise further enquiries.

**Only trained investigators should question a child.**

- Reassure the child that they have done the right thing
- Record carefully what the child says in their words including how and when the account was given. Date, time and sign the record. Pass this on to the Designated Member of Staff for Safeguarding immediately.

## **Types of Harm**

Everybody has a responsibility to keep all children under the age of 18 safe and this applies to both the home and school environment. Harm is identified in four ways:

**Physical:** This is when a child is deliberately hurt or injured

**Sexual:** This is when a child is influenced or forced to take part in a sexual activity. This can be a physical activity or non-physical, e.g. being made to look at an inappropriate image.

**Emotional:** This is when a child is made to feel frightened, worthless or unloved. It can be shouting, using threats or making fun of someone. It can also be when children see their parents, or visitors to the home, fighting or using violence

**Neglect:** This is when a child is not being taken care of by their parents. It can be poor hygiene, poor diet, not keeping appointments for additional support, not coming to school or being left home alone.

## **Staff Conduct**

If you are concerned about the conduct of a member of staff following an observation or disclosure the following actions must take place:

- Immediately inform the Head Teacher
- In their absence, (or if it is Head Teacher's conduct) immediately inform the LADO (Local Authority Designated Teacher)

## **Keeping Yourself Safe**

- ❖ Be professional.
- ❖ Be careful how you interact with or speak to a child, the child may interpret it differently.
- ❖ Avoid physical contact with children unless you are preventing them from immediately harming themselves or others.
- ❖ Avoid being on your own with a child, always ensure that a door is open and that you are visible to others.
- ❖ It's best not to do anything for a child that he or she can do for him or herself.
- ❖ Always tell someone if a child touches you or speaks to you inappropriately.
- ❖ Log down the incident, time and date it and pass it on to the Head Teacher.
- ❖ If you have concerns about the conduct of staff, it is your responsibility to inform the Head Teacher

**Remember... if in  
doubt...ask.**

