

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL

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Keeping your child safe:

Keeping your child safe means:

- The health and safety of all children;
- Making sure that the adults who work here have undergone safety and security checks;
- Protecting children from deliberate harm;
- Being an anti-bullying school;
- Being proactive against racist behaviour;
- Protecting our children from harassment and discrimination;
- A positive approach to behaviour management including the use of physical intervention safely, when necessary;
- Meeting the needs of children with medical conditions;
- Providing first aid;
- Protecting children from drug and substance abuse;
- Children enjoying safe educational visits;
- Caring for children's personal needs;
- Keeping children safe when using the internet;
- Making sure our school is secure and safe;
- Being a 'listening school'.

All of our staff at St George's have regular safeguarding training updates. Safeguarding is also part of our induction programme for new staff.

The Expert Parent's Guide to Childhood Anxiety

<https://tutorful.co.uk/guides/the-expert-guide-to-help-your-child-with-anxiety>

With featured advice and resources from The Children's Society, the link above takes you to expert guidance for parents to help children understand, cope and become strengthened by their experiences of anxiety at a young age. The aim is to equip parents across the world with a significant bank of knowledge to ease panic and educate their children about the science of the mind.

The chapters on offer include:

1. Symptoms of anxiety in children
2. Talking to children about anxiety: Top Tips
3. Recommended by experts: Techniques to help your child with anxiety
4. Opening up: How to encourage your child to confide in you
5. Nurturing optimism in children
6. Go-to anxiety relief tools for children.

Useful Acronyms and Vocabulary about Safeguarding

DSL: Designated DSL Safeguarding Lead

SPOC: Single Point of SPOC Contact (PREVENT) - responsible for preventing children being impacted by extremism

PREVENT: Part of the PREVENT Governments Counter Terrorism Strategy to stop people being drawn into extremism

LADO: Local Authority LADO Designated Officer—who deals with position of trust safeguarding issues

DBS: Disclosure & Barring DBS Service used to make safe recruitment decisions

CP: Child Protection

LSCB: Local Safeguarding LSCB Children Board

The school has a Safeguarding Team who oversee all areas of school life. You can talk to any of them if you have a concern about your child or about another child.

Mrs Farndale is the DSL, Mr Abbott is the DDSL, and Mrs Leila Bailward is our Safeguarding Governor

What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

Safeguarding means:

- protecting children from abuse and maltreatment
- preventing harm to children's health or development
- ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care
- taking action to enable all children and young people have the best outcomes.

Child protection is one part of the safeguarding process. It focuses on protecting individual children identified as suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. This includes child protection procedures which detail how to respond to concerns about a child.

Safeguarding children and child protection applies to all children up to the age of 18.

At St George's, our first and foremost priority is to keep your child safe and healthy; there are safeguarding notices around our school to remind staff and visitors of our policies and practices.

'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, every day'.

Under the Ofsted framework safeguarding is a key indicator of what constitutes a good school.

How are children taught about safeguarding?

At St George's we are committed to safeguarding and promoting pupil welfare and British Values, therefore we take every opportunity to embed these into our curriculum through the following:

- ⇒ the promotion of our school rules and school values
- ⇒ the writing of class charters/ rules at the start of every year
- ⇒ the discrete teaching of relevant topics in PSHE, Computing, Science, RE, Food technology and RSE
- ⇒ utilising opportunities in other subjects, e.g. exploring characters and themes in English or looking at democracy, beliefs and rule of law in different civilisations and cultures in History and Geography.
- ⇒ holding regular assemblies addressing our School Values, British Values and Safeguarding topics.
- ⇒ holding special assemblies celebrating religious festivals for the six major world religions
- ⇒ holding assemblies and school events for Anti-bullying week, Black History Month, Safer Internet day, NSPCC, Road Safety Week and other special events.
- ⇒ providing opportunities to discuss what's going on in school and the wider world, including accessing the news through appropriate channels such as First News and Newsround.
- ⇒ holding regular fundraising activities to promote local and global citizenship. We plan to constantly challenge children to think deeply about safeguarding matters, their own personal physical and mental wellbeing and the wellbeing of others.

Remember: If you have a suspicion or concern about child abuse you should always consult, seek advice and take action

If the child lives in Dorset contact the Children's Advice and Duty Service (ChAD):

Families and Members of the Public Number: 01305 228866

Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership



**Dorset
Council**



Here are some national safeguarding support services that you may wish to look at. National Contact Information

Anti-Bullying Campaign www.bullying.co.uk

Barnardos www.barnardos.org.uk

Child Exploitation & Online Protection (CEOP) www.ceop.gov.uk

Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT) www.capt.org.uk

Childline www.childline.org.uk

Department of Education (DofE) www.education.gov.uk

Gingerbread (practical support for single parents) www.gingerbread.org.uk

Karma Nirvana (supporting victims of honour crimes and forced marriages)
www.karmanirvana.org.uk

National Centre for Eating Disorders www.eating-disorders.org.uk

FRANK – The National Drugs Helpline www.talktofrank.com

NSPCC www.nspcc.org.uk

Private Fostering Campaign www.privatefostering.org.uk

The Samaritans www.samaritans.org.uk

Women's Aid (support for domestic violence victims) www.womensaid.org.uk

Young Minds (children's mental health) www.youngminds.org.uk