

All parents experience difficulties at various times that can be helped by other family members or close friends. If someone you know is having difficulties, you could offer the following:

- A listening ear
- Ideas to cope with problems
- Encouragement to get some help
- Practical support (childcare/shopping)

However there may be times when a child may be at risk of significant harm and professional support needs to be provided.

The safety and welfare of children is everyone's business.

If parents, carers, staff, family or community members have concerns they must report these concerns to the Cumbria safeguarding triage team on:

0333 240 1727

Further safeguarding information can also be accessed on:



www.cumbrialsbc.com

www.childline.org.uk
08001111

www.nspcc.org.uk
0808800500

www.parentlineplus.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AT ST MICHAEL'S NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL



**An information leaflet for Parents,
Carers and visitors**

"St Michael's is an extremely caring school community where staff go to great lengths to support pupils and their families"

"The dedicated headteacher is highly ambitious for every pupil"

"Teachers and teaching assistants work well together to provide a good level of support to pupils with any additional needs."

(Naomi Taylor—Ofsted Inspector Feb 2015)

St Michael's Nursery & Infant School places a high level of importance on the welfare, protection and safeguarding of all its pupils.

The purpose of this leaflet is to share with you our outstanding safeguarding practice and the responsibility we have to safeguard the children in our care.

At St Michael's -

- We work to establish and maintain an ethos where children feel secure and will be listened to in an open, positive atmosphere. This includes activities within the Curriculum such as PSHE, SEAL and Kidsafe.
- We ensure the children know that they can approach any member of staff if they are worried or in difficulty.
- We actively seek the views of children, listening to them and involving them in decisions about their education.
- We will make any referrals necessary to ensure the well being of all children is safeguarded.
- Every effort will be made to establish effective working relationships with parents and our colleagues from other agencies, such as Health, the police and social care.

- All teaching and non-teaching staff are aware of their need to safeguard children and of their responsibilities in identifying and reporting possible cases of abuse and to monitor children known, or thought, to be at risk of harm.
- Ensure that all adults within our school who have substantial access to children have been checked as to their suitability, in accordance with OFSTED regulations.
" A shared responsibility and the need for effective joint working between agencies and professionals that have different roles and expertise are required if children are to be protected from harm and their welfare promoted"
(Working Together to Safeguard Children, HM Government 2010)
"There can be no issue of greater importance to parents and carers, or to schools, than the safety of their children; safeguarding remains high on Ofsted's agenda and will continue to do so"
(Ofsted Safeguarding Schools: best practice 2011)
Our full and comprehensive policy for Safeguarding; Child Protection can be requested from the Headteacher.

Roles and Responsibilities

All staff in school are in a good position to keep a watchful eye on children and their safety and to protect them from harm. All staff have completed the relevant Safeguarding training.

If staff have concerns they have a duty to inform **Mrs Anne Tait**, designated Safeguarding & Child Protection Officer or in her absence **Mrs Sarah Ives**, deputy designated Safeguarding & Child Protection Officers.

The Role of the Governing Body

Safeguarding children is a 'collective responsibility' for the whole of the Governing Body.

The Governing Body of St. Michaels Nursery and Infant School takes seriously its responsibility under Section 175 of the Education Act 2002 to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Every school should have a Nominated Governor for Safeguarding & Child Protection. At St. Michael's Nursery and Infant School this is **Mrs Carole Tubman**.