

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 at:



CUMBRIA SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP

<https://cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk/>

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**

"Safeguarding is effective."

"Records of your work to safeguard children are thorough."

"You are vigilant and dogged in your determination to ensure that vulnerable pupils and their families receive timely and relevant support."

(John Donald —Ofsted Inspector June 2019)



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 and positive atmosphere. This includes activities within the curriculum such as SMSC 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 any access to children have been checked as to their suitability, in accordance with OFSTED regulations.

“ Nothing is more important than children's welfare. Children who need help and protection deserve high quality and effective support as soon as a need is identified. ”

(Working Together to Safeguard Children, HM Government 2018)

Policies on Safeguarding are available on our school website. Please see the safeguarding section;

<http://www.smhwkt.cumbria.sch.uk/safeguarding/index.htm>

Roles and Responsibilities

All staff in school are in a prime position to keep a watchful eye on children and their safety and to protect them from harm.

All staff have been trained to **at least Level 1** in Safeguarding with SafeHaven Consultancy and are also trained in the PREVENT duty.

If staff have concerns they have a duty to inform **Mrs. Candice Regan**, Designated Safeguarding Lead & **Mrs. Stacey Hudson**, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.



Mrs. Candice Regan

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)



Mrs. Stacey Hudson

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)

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.

Mrs. Sheena Brown

Lead Safeguarding Governor