

## What is Safeguarding?

“Safeguarding” covers more than the contribution made to child protection in relation to individual children. It encompasses issues such as:

- pupil health and safety
- bullying, including cyberbullying
- child sexual exploitation
- arrangements for meeting the medical needs of children
- first aid
- school security
- drugs and substance misuse

There may also be other safeguarding issues that are specific to the local area or school.

## CONTACTS

South West Child Protection  
Procedures

[www.swcpp.org.uk](http://www.swcpp.org.uk)

Cornwall and Isles of Scilly  
Safeguarding Children Board Website

[www.safechildren-cios.co.uk](http://www.safechildren-cios.co.uk)

Emergency Services	999
Devon and Cornwall Police	101
Multi Agency Referral Unit (MARU)	0300 1234 116
Children’s Social Care - out of hours	01208 251300

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ABOUT CHILDREN’S SAFETY  
TO YOURSELF



Local Safeguarding Children Board

## Governing Bodies’ Safeguarding Roles and Responsibilities

### An information leaflet for School Governors November 2016

The Designated  
Safeguarding Governor at  
St. Mary’s School is

Mr. Gareth Churcher

## Legislation

### Section 175/157 Education Act 2002

Governing bodies have a duty to make arrangements for ensuring that their functions relating to the conduct of the school are exercised with a view to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children who are pupils at the school.

Amended by Education and Inspections Act 2006 which places duties on Governing Bodies to

- Promote the wellbeing of pupils at the school
- Have regard to the view of parents and to the relevant Children and Young People's Plan

### Equality Act 2010

Promotion of equality and diversity within the whole school community.

## Information and Guidance

### **Working Together March 2015**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/419595/Working\\_Together\\_to\\_Safeguard\\_Children.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/419595/Working_Together_to_Safeguard_Children.pdf)

### **Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2016**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>

### **Governors Handbook January 2015**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/governors-handbook--3>

### **Department for Education (School governance pages)**

<https://www.gov.uk/schools-colleges/governance>

## Governing Bodies' Responsibilities

### **The Governing Body should ensure that:**

- their school has effective policies and procedures and monitors the school's compliance with them
- their school operates safe recruitment procedures and carries out appropriate checks on all staff and volunteers
- their school has procedures for dealing with allegations of abuse against members or staff and volunteers
- a senior member of the school leadership team is designated to take the lead for child protection issues (Designated Safeguarding Lead – DSL), who also supports staff, liaises with the LA and works with other agencies
- the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) undertakes multi-agency child protection training that is refreshed every 2 years

- the Headteacher and all other staff who work with children undertake appropriate training that is regularly updated
- they remedy without delay any deficiencies or weaknesses in regard to child protection arrangements that are brought to their attention
- nominates a Designated Safeguarding Governor (DSG)
- they review their policies and procedures annually and provide information to the LA about how they have discharged these duties

## Responsibilities of the Designated Safeguarding Governor (DSG)

### **The Designated Safeguarding Governor (DSG) should:**

- act as the link person between the governing body and the school's designated officers
- review safeguarding procedures/practices including access to training
- liaise with the Local Authority and/or partner agencies in the event of allegations of abuse being made against the Headteacher
- undertake multi-agency child protection training