

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

Cornwall and Isles of Scilly
Safeguarding Children Board Website
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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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