

St Patrick's RC High School

A National Teaching School



Pupil Friendly

Safeguarding Policy

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School Mission Statement

Our outstanding school community is guided by the gospel values of: love, forgiveness, reconciliation, justice, integrity, humility and truth. Faith and worship are lived, taught and celebrated. We recognise the importance of service to others and the opportunity to be witnesses to Christ in our community.

All are unique and strive for personal growth. We celebrate the pursuit of academic excellence, applaud ambition and value the achievements of all. Our pupils are expected to achieve their best and use their learning to make a difference in the world they live in.

School British Values Statement

St Patrick's teachers uphold public trust in the profession and maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour. Teachers do this by not undermining fundamental British values and ensuring that personal beliefs are not expressed in ways which exploit pupils' vulnerability or might lead them to break the law.

Staff in school know that Safeguarding means that they should:

- Protect you from harm.
- Make sure nothing stops you being healthy or developing properly.
- Make sure you are safely looked after.
- Make sure you have the best life chances and can grow up happy and successful.

Staff agree that to make sure they look after you they will:

- Make sure the school is a friendly, welcoming and supportive place to spend time in. Somewhere you want to be.
- Be there for you to talk to if you need to and know who to ask for help.
- Give you safe messages in your lessons to help you learn how to look after yourself both online and in the real world.
- Have all the right rules in place to help look after you. They will follow these rules all of the time (these rules are called policies).

ABUSE

When someone hurts you it can be called abuse. This is when someone does something to you that is harmful, unpleasant or painful like:

- If someone deliberately hits you, hurts you, injures you or humiliates you in different ways.
- If someone says or does something that makes you feel bad about yourself or hurts your feelings, which makes you feel scared, sad, upset or frightened.
- If someone does not take proper care of you so you feel abandoned, lonely or neglected. You might not be able to eat or wash regularly, or you might not be able to come to school every day or on time.

Abuse is never okay and if you are being or have been abused you must remember – it is not your fault. You must always tell someone and they will help it to stop.

IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL

All of the staff at St Patrick's RC High School will do their best to make sure the building is safe for you to learn in and spend time in.

- We will make sure that we know who everyone is in the school by asking visitors to sign in at reception. You will always know who a visitor to the school is because they will have signed in at reception and will be wearing a red or amber lanyard around their neck.
- People that we do not know will never be allowed to spend time with you on your own and will not be allowed to walk around the school without a member of staff.
- The building, outside areas and fields will be as safe as they can be for you so that you do not hurt yourself, although accidents can happen if you are not careful.
- Staff will look after you if the fire alarm goes off and you should know what to do and where to go.
- When you leave school to go on a somewhere, the staff will make sure they can keep you safe wherever you are going.

WHAT WE WILL DO

At St Patrick's RC High School we will help you in the following ways:

- We will do our best to spot if there is a problem. All of the adults in school have had training in this.
- We will work with other people (including the people at home) to help protect you and solve any problems you may have.
- We will listen to you if you want to talk to us and need our help. We will always take you seriously.

- We will support and encourage you and will respect your wishes and views. You can talk to any member of staff, but you should know that there are a number of staff who are responsible for making sure you are safe and well cared for, and they are listed on the next page.

It is important that you know:

- It is never your fault if someone is hurting or abusing you.
- There is always someone who can help you.
- If someone is hurting you, they might also be hurting someone else so it is important that you tell someone to make it stop.
- Every child should enjoy their right to a happy and safe childhood.

DO NOT BE SCARED TO TELL SOMEONE STRAIGHT AWAY - WE WILL ALWAYS LISTEN.

ANY DISCLOSURE MADE WILL BE PASSED TO MR CONNELLY, MR MACAFEE AND MRS GARDINER WHO ARE THE LEAD SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS.

TIPS FOR KEEPING YOURSELF SAFE

Bullying - If you think a pupil or a grown up is bullying you or someone you know, you must tell your teacher/parent/carer or someone you can trust as soon as you can. It will not stop unless you do.

Saying funny things to you - If a pupil or a grown up says something to you, or you hear something that you do not like or that upsets you, you must tell your teacher/parent/carer or someone you can trust.

Touching you -Your body belongs to you and not to anyone else. This means all of your body. If someone touches you on a part of your body you do not like, it is NOT OK. You must tell your teacher/parent/carer or someone you can trust as soon as you can.

Hitting, punching or smacking you - If a pupil or a grown up hits, punches or smacks you or hurts you in any way, you must tell your teacher/parent/carer or someone you can trust as soon as you can.

Presents - Presents are a good thing to get, but you should not take a present from anyone without checking with your parents first. Most of the time it will be okay, but sometimes people try and trick children into doing something by giving them presents (like sweets, money or phones) This is sometimes called a bribe. If it does not seem right, tell someone as soon as you can.

On the computer or your phone - Computers and mobile phones help us all to share things and talk to our friends or family, but they can also make it easier for bullies and other people that want to hurt you to get close to you. It is important to know how to keep yourself safe on your computer, your phone and on websites. St Patrick's RC High School has an e-safety policy which is there to protect you. If you are unhappy with any comments or photographs you have seen on your computer or mobile then you can also contact www.thinkuknow.co.uk as well as adults in school.

Bullying should not be kept a secret. You must tell your teacher/parent/carer or someone you can trust as soon as you can. Do not keep a secret.

People in school who can help you:

- Mr Connelly: Designated Safeguarding Lead and Senior Assistant Headteacher
- Mr Macafee: Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Pastoral Director
- Mrs Gardiner: Associate Pastoral Director
- Heads of House
- Form Tutors
- Class teachers
- Teaching Assistants
- Any other member of staff in school