



ST. PATRICK'S RC HIGH SCHOOL
A National Teaching School



St Patrick's RC High School - Safeguarding Statement

At St Patrick's RC High School, the health, safety and well-being of every child is our top priority. We expect all staff, governors and volunteers to share this commitment to safeguarding our pupils. We listen to our pupils and take seriously what they tell us. All school staff are regularly trained in Safeguarding and Child Protection procedures, and pupils are made aware of the adults they can talk to if they have any concerns.

Staff are trained to look out for signs of physical/emotional/sexual abuse and neglect and are required to report these to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Michael Connelly and the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Dan Macafee. The procedures which we follow, have been laid down by the Salford Safeguarding Children Partnership and the school has well developed Child Protection and Safeguarding Policies in line with this and utilising the DfE statutory guidance "Keeping Children safe in Education" Sept 2019, for the safety of all. On rare occasions our concern about a pupil may mean that we have to consult other agencies. We will ensure that all concerns are discussed with parent/carers first, before any referrals are made, unless we believe that such a move may be contrary to a child's welfare. Pupils are actively encouraged to make independent choices, with the knowledge that they are in a safe, secure and supportive environment. Staff at St Patrick's RC High School educate and provide boundaries for pupils to make informed choices, through a safe environment and an empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised on how to exercise these safely, for example through:

- Online-safety education via ICT lessons, assemblies and the vertical tutoring programme.
- Pupil Friendly Safeguarding Policy (also available on the school website).
- Pupil Friendly On-Line Safety Policy (also available on the school website).
- Anti-Bullying, and Behaviour for Learning Policies (also available on the school website).

St Patrick's RC High School has in place a comprehensive range of policies that set out expectations and individual responsibilities for both staff and pupils in relation to Child Protection and Safeguarding which include:

- Alcohol, Drug, Tobacco and Substance Abuse
- Anti-Bullying
- Anti-Sexting
- Behaviour for Learning
- Employee Code of Conduct

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- First-Aid
- Managing Medicines in School
- On-Line Safety
- On-Line Safety for Pupils
- Peer on Peer Abuse
- Photographs and Filmed Images of Children
- Prevent
- Safeguarding and Child Protection
- Safeguarding Policy for Pupils
- Social Media
- Whistleblowing

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