

St Patrick's RC High School

Governors Safeguarding Statement

At St Patrick's RC High School, the Physical, Emotional and Mental 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 trained in Child Protection, 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 harm and neglect and are required to report these to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL).

The procedures which we follow have been laid down by the Salford Safeguarding Children's Partnership and the school has adopted child protection and safeguarding policies. In line with this and DfE statutory guidance highlighted in the 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' September 2021 publication, 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 parents / carers first, before any referrals are made, unless we believe that such a move would 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
- Pupil friendly Safeguarding Policy
- Pupil friendly Online Safety Policy
- Anti-bullying and Behaviour for Learning policies

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
- Child-On-Child Abuse (formerly Peer-On-Peer Abuse)
- Employee Code of Conduct
- First Aid
- Managing Medicines in School
- Online Safety



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THE ST PATRICK'S CENTRE
— of Educational Excellence —

Amazing things happen here

- Online Safety for Pupils
- Photographs and Filmed Images of Children
- Safeguarding and Child Protection
- Safeguarding Policy for Pupils
- Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy
- Sharing of Nudes and Semi Nudes Policy
- Social Media
- Whistleblowing

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mr Michael Connelly and the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Dan Macafee.

The designated school governors for Safeguarding and Child Protection are Mr D Grounds, Mrs C Grounds, and Mrs S Glynn-Atkins.