

## SAFEGUARDING

### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



Saint Paulinus CC Primary School

This booklet is designed to inform you of the procedures and actions we take to keep the children at St Paulinus safe.

All staff and governors at St Paulinus see it is their duty to keep our children safe. We work as a school and a community to ensure arrangements are in place for safeguarding and promoting the well being of the children in our care.

**This booklet aims to help you understand how we keep your children safe by telling you:**

- **What WE must do to keep children safe from harm**
- **What YOU must do as a parent/carer to help your child be safe and enjoy school**

**Key people who responsible for safeguarding at St Paulinus:**



**Mrs Young:**

**Designated Safeguarding Lead**



**Miss Salisbury:**

**Designated Deputy Safeguarding Lead**



**Mr Tharby:**

**Governor responsible for Safeguarding**

## Child Protection

All staff and governors receive regular training on different aspects of Child Protection including: Designated Lead training; Safeguarding training and regular updates for all staff, Prevent training; First Aid training for identified members of staff and Safer Recruitment training.

It is everyone's responsibility to keep our children safe from harm.

In order to protect our children in any of these areas St Paulinus make sure **WE**:

- Ensure all people who work with our children are DBS checked.
- Help the children learn about keeping themselves safe by teaching lessons that include healthy eating, anti-bullying, e-safety, road safety, healthy relationships.
- Keep your children informed about what to do if they have worries about their safety (class discussions, assemblies, displays, through topics).
- Listen to you. If parents/carers have any concerns we urge you to come to us and we will always listen and work with you.

We also ask that **YOU**:

- Raise any concerns you may have and talk to us if you feel you need help or support.
- Read our policies so you are aware of our procedures (Child Protection Policy, E-Safety, Advice on Radicalisation, Code of Conduct). All these are on our website.
- Inform us of any changes in circumstances for your child (medical conditions, new address or contact details, if someone else is picking your child up, changes of parental responsibility, if your child is absent and the reason for this).
- Are extremely careful and sensitive about what you put on social media (especially if referring to information about your own or other people's children). ANYONE can see this.



We are very pleased to report that incidents of bullying at our school are very rare. However, we endeavour to ensure that any incident reported to a member of staff is taken extremely seriously, dealt with immediately and followed up carefully. It is important our children know that bullying of any kind is wrong and dangerous.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance defines bullying as:

**"The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or through cyberspace."**

We will not tolerate bullying and will do everything we can to prevent it. This includes teaching children about the effects of bullying, talking openly and regularly about what to do if someone feels they are being bullied and providing workshops, assemblies and shows in school.

If you suspect your child is being bullied or is bullying another child we advise that you:

- Talk to us before you approach the parents or children who you believe are involved out the bullying.
- Speak up immediately (even if you aren't sure it is best to check rather than wait).



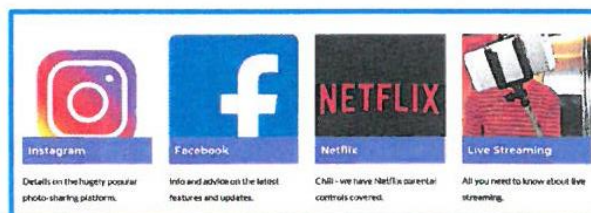
E-safety is an integral part of our safeguarding policy and computing curriculum. Keeping children safe online is an everyday consideration for teachers and parents. On February 7<sup>th</sup>, the whole school had an e-safety focus with all classes taking part in a range of activities to get them thinking about their e-safety. We also enjoyed an internet safety magic show on 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

**Where can I find out more information about keeping my child safe online?**

**CEOP Parent Zone:** <https://parentzone.org.uk/parents>

This website contains lots of advice for parents on how to safeguard children's internet use, as well as some very useful, up to date guides on social media, apps, games and more.

**Did You Know?** Social media such as Instagram, Snap Chat and Facebook are for age 13+, however the Children's Commissioner report into social media use by 8- 12 year olds (January 2018) found that 75% of 10 – 12 year olds have their own social media account/s.



**NSPCC – Share Aware:** <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/share-aware/>

The NSPCC have teamed up with O2 to help parents untangle the web and teach their children to be Share Aware.