



Working Together To Keep Your Child Safe



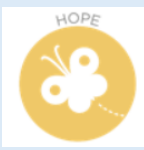
*A Guide To
Safeguarding*

*At St Mary's Church of
England School*

**You're never too young
to make a difference**



Every child in our school has the right to feel safe, valued, listened to and respected. Our Christian values guide the way we care for children and families.

 We act when something does not feel right.	 We expect children to treat one another with respect.	 Children know which adult they can talk to.
 Children should be able to learn, play and thrive safely.	 We listen and we respond to children's needs.	 We seek the right help at the right time.

What does safeguarding mean?

Safeguarding means protecting children from harm and promoting their health, wellbeing and development.

This includes protecting children from abuse and neglect, but safeguarding is broader than child protection. We also consider children's safety, mental and physical wellbeing, online experiences, relationships, attendance, exploitation and anything else that may affect their welfare.

Every child matters. We will listen to children, take concerns seriously and act in their best interests.

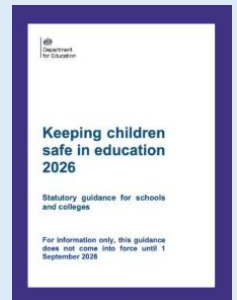
Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Parents and carers play an important part in keeping children safe. Please tell us if you are worried about your child or another child. You do not need to know exactly what is happening or what to do next — sharing a concern allows us to consider what support may be needed.

How we work

We follow statutory safeguarding guidance, including Keeping Children Safe in Education 2026 and Working Together to Safeguard Children 2026, together with local safeguarding arrangements.

Our full Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy is available on our school website: [\(click here\)](#). This family guide is designed to make our safeguarding arrangements easier to understand; it does not replace the full policy or statutory guidance.



What can my child expect from us?



- Take concerns seriously, even when we are not initially sure what has happened
- Act when we believe a child may be at risk of harm
- Work with families and other agencies when this is necessary to keep a child safe
- Respect children's individuality, dignity and voice
- Listen when they tell us something is worrying them
- Help children who need additional support

What happens when there is a concern?



The school action may include:

- support in school
- early help
- working with parents and carers
- referral to children's social care or another agency

Why might school contact me?

We may contact you because we are worried about something affecting your child's wellbeing, safety or development. This could include changes in behaviour or attendance, something your child has told us, an incident involving another child, concerns about online safety, or information shared with us by another person or agency.

Will you always tell me?

Usually, we will work openly with parents and carers. However, there may be circumstances where we cannot share information immediately if doing so could increase the risk of harm to a child or affect a safeguarding investigation.

Who can I talk to?

Name	Role	Name	Role
 Mrs Stevenson	Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead Contact if your concern is regarding a member of staff lstevenson@st-marys-truro.cornwall.sch.uk	 Miss Rundle	Assistant Headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead krundle@st-marys-truro.cornwall.sch.uk
 Mrs Spencer	Assistant Headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead aspencer@st-marys-truro.cornwall.sch.uk	 Miss Vowles	SenCo and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead svowles@st-marys-truro.cornwall.sch.uk
 Mr Pritchard	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Mrs Calcraft	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
 Mrs Trethewey	Safeguarding Governor and Co-Chair of Governors Contact if your concern is regarding the Headteacher		If you believe a child is in immediate danger, call 999.

You do not need to be certain that something is wrong before speaking to us. If something is worrying you, please tell us. You can email one of the people listed above or call the school on 01872 276689.