



*Jesus is the centre of our lives, Our
learning and friendships.
In a safe, happy and caring community
Where all are welcome.*

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMY

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

SEPTEMBER 2023

The care and protection of children will have the highest importance for everyone in Holy Cross Catholic Primary Academy. We implement the SET Procedures for Child Protection to keep children safe, to promote good health and to protect them from danger. Safeguarding legislation and government guidance say that safeguarding means:

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's health or development
- Ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

(Reference: Working Together to Safeguard Children updated July 2022)

The safeguarding policy is part of a range of policies and procedures that we need to safeguard and promote the welfare of our children. In developing this policy, we have referred to :

- Inspecting Safeguarding in Early Years, Education and Skills Settings
- Keeping Children Safe in Education
- The SET Procedures
- Working Together to Safeguard Children

OBJECTIVES

- To establish excellent and effective procedures for keeping children safe, happy and active.
- To identify any children who may be at risk quickly and take appropriate action.
- To put into place and follow SET Procedures for Child Protection.
- To put into place recruitment procedures that safeguard and promote the welfare of children, making appropriate checks on new staff and volunteers.
- To check and verify the identity of visitors to the school, as appropriate.
- To ensure that staff are well trained and able to carry out their responsibilities well.
- To ensure that there is a quick and effective response to any incident.
- To put into place safe procedures and contingency plans for the health and safety of learners.
- To ensure that any probable sources of danger are identified and that appropriate action is taken.
- To ensure that staff, parents and pupils are aware of the dangers associated with the use of modern technology.

- To ensure that appropriately trained members of staff provide first-aid in the case of an accident.
- To ensure that there are sufficient members of staff, trained in first aid (basic, paediatric and First Aid at Work.)
- To ensure that our school makes effective use of appropriate outside agencies to advise and support on health and safety matters.
- To use the curriculum and extra-curricular activities to promote children's healthy growth and physical development.
- To ensure coherence of positive behaviours and attitudes throughout the school and to assist in the smooth transition of learners to other schools.
- To ensure good communication of information to all relevant staff.
- To provide relevant information to various outside agencies when appropriate.

STRATEGIES

- All staff will follow the established health and safety procedures.
- All staff will follow the procedures as set out in the Child Protection Policy.
- One of the three 'nominated members of staff' (Designated Safeguarding & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead must be informed immediately of any concern and they will lead the school's response to that concern.
- Risk assessments will be carried out by staff before particular activities and visits.
- Regular health and safety checks will be carried out to monitor the school environment and equipment.
- Detailed records of accidents and incidents will be recorded and kept.
- Play, physical education, sport, games and extra-curricular education will promote children's physical growth and development. Children will be encouraged to be active and healthy.
- Staff will provide a curriculum to teach children about healthy eating and healthy lifestyles, including relationships.

The named Officer for Safeguarding is Mrs. Alison Kerrell & the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are Miss Stacy Clark, Mrs Noonan and Mrs Peters

OUTCOMES

This Academy will provide a safe environment in which children can work, learn and play. We will ensure that the children are happy and enjoy their time in school. The protection of children is the responsibility of everyone in school and so all will be vigilant in their duty of care for children. This school will be a place of safety where the welfare, care and protection of children is paramount and our curriculum supports and encourages their healthy growth and development both in and out of school.