St Julie Catholic Primary School

Feeling Safe, Valued and Happy

Children's Safeguarding Policy

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ST JULIE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

MISSION STATEMENT

A caring, family school where we learn, grow and walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

In consequence of our school mission it is a fundamental aim of St. Julie's to be an inclusive school. To be a school which:

- Is a caring community
- Provides and respects equal opportunities
- Offers partnership between school, parents and parish
- Reflects upon the teachings of Christ and puts them into practice
- Values all of the school community
- Its members show respect for themselves, each other and their learning environment.

We define an inclusive school as one where:

- Everyone, irrespective of age, gender, ability or disability, race or religion is encouraged and given equal opportunity to participate in the full life of the school
- All of the school community are given the opportunity and support to achieve their true potential
- All of the school community, and the contributions they make to the life of the school, are valued; everyone is treated with mutual respect, care and consideration
- Everyone feels empowered to play a full and effective role in the school.

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Remember

Feeling Safe and Happy at School

At St Julie's Catholic Primary School, we are a caring family school where we learn, grow and walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

We believe every child is unique, loved by God and deserves to feel safe, valued and respected.

We want to make sure that you feel looked after, safe and happy both in and out of school.

Sometimes adults do not know when something is worrying a child. This is why it is important that you tell a trusted adult if something is upsetting you or making you feel unsafe.

This document explains what safeguarding means, how we help to keep you safe and what you should do if you are worried about yourself or someone else.

We can help you by:

• Teaching you what safeguarding means.
• Teaching you how to stay safe in school, at home and online.
• Helping you understand healthy relationships and friendships.
• Making sure you know who you can speak to when you are worried.
• Listening to you and taking your concerns seriously.

If there is anything in this policy that you do not understand, please ask a member of staff.

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What does safeguarding mean?

Safeguarding means everything we do to keep children safe, healthy and happy.

Safeguarding helps to make sure that:



- You are protected from harm.
- You are cared for and supported.
- You can learn, grow and develop well.
- You are healthy and safe.
- You have the chance to do well and achieve your dreams.

Everyone at St Julie's has a responsibility to help keep children safe.

We want our school to be a welcoming place where every child feels happy, respected and cared for.

We will help you learn how to stay safe in the real world and online.

Staying safe

If you are worried about something, you can talk to any trusted adult in school.

This could be:



- Your teacher.
- A teaching assistant.
- A lunchtime supervisor.
- The Headteacher.
- Any member of staff you trust.

If you need to talk, we will listen.

Please remember:

- You are important.
- You deserve to feel safe.
- It is never your fault if someone hurts you.
- You will not get into trouble for speaking up.
- There is always someone who can help.
- If someone is hurting you, they may be hurting someone else too, so it is important to tell an adult.

Every child has the right to feel safe, happy and loved

3 Who to talk to

Looking After Your Mental Health



Being safe is not just about protecting your body. It is also about protecting your feelings and emotions.

Sometimes children can feel:

- Worried.
- Sad.
- Lonely.
- Anxious.
- Angry.
- Confused.

If you are struggling with your feelings, finding things difficult at home or school, or feeling upset for a long time, please tell a trusted adult.

You are never alone.

We will listen, support you and help you get the right help if you need it.

Who to Talk To

It is important that you tell someone you trust if someone is:

- Bullying you.
- Saying things that upset you or make you uncomfortable.
- Hurting you.
- Taking your belongings.
- Sending unkind messages online.
- Making you feel unsafe.
- Hurting someone else.

It is important to tell someone as soon as possible.

Speaking to a trusted adult means we can help make things better.

Every school has adults who are specially trained to help keep children safe. These adults are part of the safeguarding team.

1 Our Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

- Mrs Helen Slocombe, Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead(s)

- Mrs Jane Ashcroft and Mrs Lisa Mannion

If you cannot find one of these adults, speak to any member of staff and they will help you.

2 People Outside School Who Can Help

Childline 0800 1111

NSPCC 0808 800 5000

These services are free and confidential.



Bullying and Child-on-Child Abuse

Bullying is when someone deliberately hurts another person more than once.

Nobody has the right to bully anyone.

Bullying can include:

3 Emotional Bullying



- Leaving someone out.
- Threatening someone.
- Making someone feel bad about themselves.

4 Physical Bullying

- Hitting.
- Kicking.
- Pushing.
- Hurting someone on purpose.

5 Verbal Bullying

- Name-calling.
- Teasing.
- Insults.

6 Cyberbullying

- Sending unkind messages online.
- Sharing embarrassing photographs or videos.
- Being hurtful on social media, games or messaging apps.

7 Prejudice-Based Bullying

This is bullying because of someone's:

- Race.
- Religion or faith.

• Disability.
• Family background.
• Culture.
• Differences.

Everyone should be treated fairly and with respect.

8 Child-on-Child Abuse

Sometimes children can hurt other children.

This may include bullying, physical harm, unkind comments, online abuse or inappropriate behaviour.

This is never acceptable and should always be reported to a trusted adult.

If you see someone being bullied, do not join in. Tell an adult straight away

Internet safety



Technology helps us learn, communicate and have fun, but it is important to use it safely.

We will teach you how to keep yourself safe online.

Never share:



• Passwords.
• Personal information.
• Your address.
• Your phone number.
• Photographs without permission.

Remember that not everything online is true.

Some photographs, videos and messages can be fake or changed using Artificial Intelligence (AI). Sometimes these are called "deepfakes".

Always tell an adult if:

• Someone asks for personal information.
• Someone asks for photographs.
• Someone asks to meet you.
• Someone makes you feel uncomfortable.
• You see something upsetting online.
• You think something online might be fake or misleading.

If someone sends unkind messages or causes you to worry online, tell a trusted adult immediately.

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Relationships

Positive relationships help us feel safe, happy and respected.

9 Positive Relationships

• You feel safe.
• You feel respected.
• You can be yourself.
• You are listened to.
• You are treated kindly.
• You trust each other.
• Nobody pressures you to do anything you do not want to do.

10 Negative Relationships

• Someone hurts you.
• Someone threatens you.
• Someone tries to control you.
• Someone makes you feel scared.
• Someone pressures you into doing things you do not want to do.
• Someone makes you feel bad about yourself.

If a relationship makes you feel worried, upset or unsafe, tell a trusted adult.

Coming to School Every Day

Coming to school regularly helps keep you safe, healthy and learning well.

We want every child to attend school every day unless they are unwell.

If something is making it difficult for you to come to school, tell a trusted adult.

We will work together to help you.

School buildings and the playground



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We want our school to be a safe place for everyone.

To help keep children safe:

- Visitors must sign in.
- Visitors wear identification badges.
- Visitors are supervised when needed.
- Staff check that the school building and playground are safe.

If you ever see someone you do not recognise in school without a badge, tell a member of staff.

Never leave the school site without permission.

Remember

- ✅ Speak to a trusted adult if you are worried.
- ✅ Keep telling someone until you get help.
- ✅ It is never your fault if someone hurts you.
- ✅ You will never get into trouble for speaking up.
- ✅ We will always listen.
- ✅ We will always try to help keep you safe.

Together We Can Keep St Julie's Safe

At St Julie's Catholic Primary School, we are a caring family school where we learn, grow and walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

Together, we can make St Julie's a safe, happy and welcoming place where everyone is respected, cared for and able to flourish.

