

# St Edmund's Catholic Primary School

## SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT



### General Information

The Governors of St Edmund's School recognise that teachers and other staff, who are in daily contact with children are well placed to notice signs of physical, sexual or emotional abuse, neglect, behavioural change or failure to develop and thus the need to seek help. St Edmund's School will implement Child Protection Procedures as defined in the "Surrey Child Protection Committee Manual of Procedures".

### Designated Safeguarding Leader (DSL)

The Headteacher is the Designated Safeguarding Leader, along with the two deputy DSLs. The DSLs will be the focal point for all matters relating to child protection at St Edmund's School. The DSLs will at all times ensure that all staff are aware of the latest changes to legislation and the procedures used in Surrey. On every occasion that any member of staff has reason to suspect that a pupil has suffered abuse or is at risk of suffering abuse, the designated DSLs must be informed. Having been informed, the DSLs will consult with the school nurse and/or the Education Welfare Officer and will if necessary contact the Social Services Locality Case Manager who will advise on the next step(s) to be taken. In addition, the DSLs will also co-ordinate information from Social Services regarding children on the school roll who are either in care or subject to an order following child protection proceedings. Further, they will co-ordinate arrangements for the monitoring of children on the roll who have been identified as being at risk.

### Confidentiality

All information in relation to child protection will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and will only be disclosed to those who have a right and a need to know.

### Training

ALL staff at St Edmund's Catholic Primary School who have contact with the pupils at the school will be trained to an appropriate level in child protection concerns and procedures.

### Records

The DSLs will maintain an accurate and confidential record of all that has occurred, stating the facts of the injury/incident/conversation, times, explanations and action taken.

### Screening

St Edmund's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All adults who are in contact with pupils at the school will be subject to DBS clearance. All recruitment is undertaken using Safer Recruitment Guidelines.