

Safeguarding Children at St Edmund's Catholic Primary School

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This means that we have 'Child Protection Policy' and procedures in place. All staff (including supply staff, volunteers and governors) must ensure that they are aware of these procedures. Parents and carers are welcome to read the policy upon request.

Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with his/her parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that such a more would be contrary to the child's welfare.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is: **Elizabeth Higgins**



Deputy DSLs are: **Cath Patrick and Claire Shorten**



If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please record your concern along with any observations or conversation heard and report to the DSL as soon as possible on the same day. Do NOT conduct your own investigation.

If your concerns relate to the actions or behaviour of a member of staff (which would suggest that s/he is unsuitable to work with children) then you should report this to the DSL in confidence, who will refer the matter to the Headteacher (or the CEO of Xavier Trust if the concern relates to the Headteacher) who will consider what action to take.

Elizabeth Higgins

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