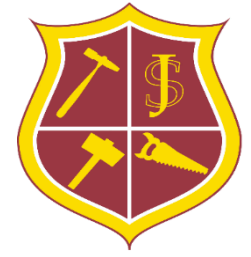


# Child Protection & Safeguarding



## Parent Summary

### St Joseph's RC Primary School, Cardiff

At St Joseph's, keeping children safe is our highest priority. We work closely with families and external services to make sure every child feels safe, supported, and valued.

### What we mean by safeguarding

Safeguarding means:

- Protecting children from harm, abuse, or neglect
- Supporting their wellbeing, health, and development
- Ensuring they grow up in a safe, caring environment

### How we keep children safe

We:

- Create a safe and supportive school environment
- Teach children how to stay safe, including online
- Carry out checks on all staff and volunteers
- Train staff to recognise and respond to concerns
- Listen carefully to children and take all concerns seriously

### What happens if there is a concern

If we are worried about a child:

1. Staff record and report concerns immediately
2. The concern is passed to the safeguarding lead
3. Appropriate action is taken to keep the child safe
4. This may include contacting social services

Our priority is always **the safety and wellbeing of the child.**

## **Safeguarding leads in school**

The school has trained safeguarding staff:

- **Designated Safeguarding Person (DSP):**  
**Mrs Helen Wheeler (Headteacher)**  
 02920 621625
- **Deputy DSPs:**  
**Mr Ryan Cobb; Mrs Kathryn Tuff**  
 02920 621625
- **Nominated Governor for Child Protection:**  
**Mr Matthew O'Brien**  
 02920 621625
- **Chair of Governors:**  
**Mr Matthew O'Brien**

These staff are responsible for managing safeguarding concerns and ensuring all children are protected.

## **Working with parents and carers**

We aim to:

- Build open and honest relationships with families
- Keep parents informed where appropriate
- Offer support when children or families need help

However, in some safeguarding situations, we may need to share concerns with external agencies **without informing parents first** if this is necessary to protect a child.

## **Online safety**

We:

- Teach children how to use technology safely
- Monitor internet use in school
- Encourage safe use of devices at home

## **What parents can do**

You can help by:

- Talking to your child about staying safe
- Letting the school know about any concerns
- Supporting school guidance and policies
- Asking for advice if you need help

### **If you have a concern**

If you are worried about a child:

- Contact the school and ask to speak to the safeguarding team
- Or contact **Cardiff Children's Services** directly - **03000133133**

### **Our commitment**

We follow:

- **Welsh Government guidance – “Keeping Learners Safe”**
- **Cardiff Local Authority safeguarding procedures**