Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs)

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What is a DSL?

A designated safeguarding lead (DSL) is a member of staff who has received specialist training in whole school safeguarding. A DSL will manage safeguarding in school, deliver training to all staff and will also work with outside agencies to help keep children safe.

A DSL will also follow up any concerns that have been raised about the safety and wellbeing of a child.

Safeguarding

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Welcome to the first edition of a regular newsletter with a focus on safeguarding. Safeguarding & Child Protection is an essential part of what we do as a school and it is vital that we share key information and advice with parents and carers, so that we can all work together with the same aim of keeping children safe in school, at home and in the wider community.

Safeguarding relates to many areas of life at St Mary's Junior Academy, including children's physical health and safety, mental health issues, attendance, internet safety, the dangers of radicalisation, exploitation and any issue where there is a concern about the wellbeing of a child.

Our school curriculum gives children opportunities to explore many of these issues in a safe situation—through PSHE, RSHE, dedicated topic time and also as key learning points arise in subjects such as science, so that we can equip our children with the knowledge, understanding and the right tools to make safe choices.

If you have concerns about the safety and wellbeing of a child, then you can always pass this on to a member of staff. Alternatively, any member of the public can ring the Norfolk Children's Advice and Duty Service (CADS) on 0344 800 8020.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Online Safety

Our pupils are growing up in a world of ever-changing technology. While we feel that the use of technology is a largely positive aspect of modern life, we cannot ignore the risks that can be associated.

Throughout school we aim to teach children:

- about the impact of cyber-bullying and what to do if they have been affected.
- to be vigilant when communicating online recognising that people may not always be who they say they are and to be sensible about what they share.
- -to tell an adult they trust if something is upsetting them.
- -to question the reliability of information given through a web based source.
- -to search responsibly for information while using internet browsers.

A guide to Apps and Social Media

The number of apps and social media channels that your children are exposed to is growing all the time, as does an app's functionality. We recommend that you visit Net Aware to read the latest and most current advice to ensure that you know what they do, how you can limit their features, as well as recommended age restrictions.

https://www.net-aware.org.uk