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#### Useful Acronyms and Vocabulary about Safeguarding

**DSL**: Designated Safeguarding Lead

**SPOC**: Single Point of SPOC Contact (PREVENT) responsible for preventing children being impacted by extremism

**PREVENT**: Part of the PREVENT Governments Counter Terrorism Strategy to stop people being drawn into extremism

LADO: Local Authority LADO Designated Officer—who deals with position of trust safeguarding issues

**DBS**: Disclosure & Barring DBS Service used to make safe recruitment decisions

**CP**: Child Protection

**LSCB**: Local Safeguarding Children Board

**CEOP**: Child Exploitation and Online Protection centre (tackling child sex abuse and providing advice)

**Early Help**: "providing Early Help support as soon as a problem emerges, at any point in a child's life, from the foundation years through to the teenage years". Essentially intervening to prevent abuse/ neglect before it occurs.

**TAC**: Team Around a Child (part of Early Help)

**TAF**: Team Around the TAF: Family (part of Early Help)

**CASS**: Children's Advice & Support Service

# Safeguarding and Child Protection at

# All Saints School

#### Why have a Newsletter?

Safeguarding & Child Protection is such an important issue for our children and young people that we have decided to have a half termly newsletter that shares 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 All Saints including children's physical health and safety, mental health issues, attendance, managing medical conditions, internet safety, substance misuse, bullying, the dangers of radicalisation, child sexual exploitation, gang culture, FGM, neglect, domestic violence, forced marriages, sex and relationships education, British Values and road safety among other issues.

At All Saints we feel it is really important to work with our parents and with the high quality agencies that support schools and young people so that we can offer a safe environment that allows children to be aware of the risks they may face and how to respond to them safely. We hope that our school curriculum gives children opportunities to explore many of these issues in a safe situation—through PSHEE, SRE, Circle Time, dedicated topic time and 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.

### What is the role of DSL at All Saints?

The Designated Safeguarding Lead has a crucial role in taking lead responsibility for child protection issues in school. DSL's must be senior members of the school's leadership team, and at All Saints we have 3 DSL's forming a team with Ms Dangerfield as the Senior in position (see column on the left hand side). A DSL is always available during school hours for staff to discuss any safeguarding concerns. On most days there is a DSL in school from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm and DSLs are always contactable by email outside these hours.

DSL's are trained to take on this role and that training is updated every two years with additional training and conferences in between. The DSL has many responsibilities including working with staff and agencies involved in safeguarding children, working with parents and families, giving advice to staff, training staff, managing referrals from staff and investigating concerns passing them onto the correct body as necessary, managing the records of safeguarding and Child Protection concerns, keeping own knowledge up to date etc.

#### Who's Who at All Saints

- Ms Dangerfield: DSL and Headteacher
- Miss Paffett: DSL, Deputyhead and SENCO
- Miss King: DSL and Support Manager

#### Cyberbullying/ESafety

Cyber bullying is any form of bullying which takes place online or through smartphones and tablets adults and children can be victims of this form of bullying so we have to be vigilant.

The impact of this bullying can be wide reaching from feeling frightened and intimidated, being the victim of fake gossip or rumours, having photos or videos posted about you, being on the receiving end of language that causes offense and an argument (flaming), threatening behaviour etc. In addition people with malicious intent can use the internet for grooming of young and vulnerable people, fraud, stalking, exclusion, blackmail etc.

The internet and social media can be fun and can bring many educational and personal benefits but adult and child alike we must protect ourselves from misuse.

A useful source of information for parents can be found at https://www.bullying.co.uk.

#### Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

Do you know what your child is doing online? Are you routinely talking to your child and checking what internet sites they are accessing?

It is very important to monitor and teach your child some key internet safety rules (and to role model them as adults helps)...

- 1. Don't post any personal information online like your address, email address or mobile number
- 2. Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself. Once you've put a picture of yourself online most people can see it—is it a photo you would want everyone to see?
- 3. Keep your privacy settings as high as possible (parents can help you)
- Never give out your passwords (except to your parents if they want to check your accounts to keep you safe)
- 5. Don't befriend people you don't know
- 6. Don't meet up with people you've met online. Speak to your parent or carer about people suggesting you do
- 7. Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are—adults sometimes pretend to be children to make friends with you online
- 8. Think carefully about what you say before you post something online
- 9. Respect other people's views, even if you don't agree with someone else's views doesn't mean you need to be rude— sometimes it is better not to comment than to get into an argument
- 10. Use parental safety software/apps to block inappropriate internet use and monitor your children's online activity



- 11. Ensure that the online games your child wants to play are appropriate to their age
- 12. If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or worried: leave the website and tell a trusted adult immediately. Keep your webcam covered up when not in use

If you have any concerns about the safety and/or welfare of a child or young person telephone the Children's Advice and Duty Service (CADS) on their direct line: 0344 800 8021

- We never turn away from a difficult, controversial, embarrassing topic or conversation at All Saints School.
- We discuss it sensibly, with maturity and consideration.
- ▶ We speak to the right people.
- We are here to help each other.



## We work together as a team to stay safe

- Coloured lanyards.
- All visitors to All Saints School sign in at the front desk, and are given a RED lanyard.
- Red means that the person is a visitor and will be with a member of All Saints staff
- Black lanyard is a staff member

If you see someone in school without a lanyard please tell a member of staff.

