

## What is Safeguarding?

“Safeguarding” covers more than the contribution made to child protection in relation to individual children. It encompasses issues such as:

- pupil health and safety • bullying, including cyberbullying • child sexual exploitation • the Prevent agenda for antiterrorism and radicalisation • arrangements for meeting the medical needs of children • first aid • school security • drugs and substance misuse

There may also be other safeguarding issues that are specific to the local area or school.

**NEVER** KEEP CONCERNS  
ABOUT CHILDREN'S SAFETY  
TO YOURSELF!

## CONTACTS

South West Child Protection  
Procedures

[www.swcpp.org.uk](http://www.swcpp.org.uk)

Cornwall and Isles of Scilly  
Safeguarding Children Board Website  
[www.safechildren-cios.co.uk](http://www.safechildren-cios.co.uk)

Emergency Services	999
Devon and Cornwall	
Police	101
Safeguarding Children	
Standard Unit (LADO)	01872 326536
Children's Social Care	0300 1234 101
Children's Social Care -	01208 251300
out of hours	
Multi Agency Referral	0300 1231 116
Unit (MARU)	



*Local Safeguarding Children Board*

## CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

An information leaflet for School  
Governors 2020-2021

**KEEPING CHILDREN  
SAFE**



## LEGISLATION

Section 175/157 Education Act 2002  
Governing bodies have a duty to make arrangements for ensuring that their functions relating to the conduct of the school are exercised with a view to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children who are pupils at the school.

Amended by Education and Inspections Act 2006 which places duties on Governing Bodies to

- Promote the wellbeing of pupils at the school
- Have regard to the view of parents and to the relevant Children and Young People's Plan

Equality Act 2010 Promotion of equality and diversity within the whole school community.

## INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE

Working Together Statutory guidance  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2>

Keeping Children Safe in Education Sept 2019  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>

What to do if you are worried a child is being abused  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-to-do-if-youre-worried-a-child-is-being-abused--2>

## Governing Bodies' Responsibilities

The Governing Body should ensure that:

- their school has effective policies and procedures and monitors the school's compliance with them
- their school operates safe recruitment procedures and carries out appropriate checks on all staff and volunteers
- their school has procedures for dealing with allegations of abuse against members or staff and volunteers
- a senior member of the school leadership team is designated to take the lead for child protection issues (Designated Safeguarding Lead – DSL), who also supports staff, liaises with the LA and works with other agencies
- the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) undertakes multi-agency child protection training that is refreshed every 2 years
- the Headteacher and all other staff who work with children undertake appropriate training that is regularly updated
- they remedy without delay any deficiencies or weaknesses in regard to child protection arrangements that are brought to their attention
- nominates a Designated Safeguarding Governor (DSG)
- they review their policies and procedures annually and provide information to the LA and LSCB about how they have discharged these duties.

## The Designated Safeguarding Governor (DSG) should:

- be a 'critical friend' to the school providing support and challenge
- act as the link person between the governing body and the school's designated officers
- review safeguarding procedures/practices including access to training
- liaise with the Local Authority and/or partner agencies in the event of allegations of abuse being made against the Headteacher
- undertake multi-agency child protection training

St Wenn School's Designated Safeguarding Lead Governor is:-

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