



Dean Gibson Catholic Primary School



KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE



An information leaflet for Visitors/ Parents and Carers.





No single professional can have a full picture of a child's need and circumstances and, if children and families are to receive the right help at the right time, everyone who comes into contact with them has a role to play in identifying concerns, sharing information and taking prompt action."

(Working Together to Safeguard Children, HM Government 2013)

Child protection or safeguarding means protecting children from physical, emotional or sexual abuse or neglect. It also means helping children to grow up into confident, healthy and happy adults.

Most children enjoy generally happy childhood experiences within their own family. Unfortunately for some, this is not always the case.

During difficult family times, everyone who knows the child must do the best they can to protect them from future harm.

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At Dean Gibson we recognise the importance it gives to all pupils' welfare and Safeguarding. The purpose of this leaflet is to share with you our safeguarding practice and the responsibility we have to safeguard all Dean Gibson pupils.

We work to establish and maintain an ethos where children feel secure and will be listened to in an open positive atmosphere.

- We ensure the children know that they can approach *any* member of staff if they are worried or in difficulty.
- Include in the curriculum activities through PHSE/Citizenship/RE and opportunities i.e. school council, which equip children with the skills and the need to stay safe which will help children develop realistic attitudes to the responsibilities of adult life.
- We actively seek the views of children, listening to them and involving them in decisions about their education.
- We will make any referrals necessary to ensure the well-being of all children is safeguarded.
- All teaching and non-teaching staff are aware of their need to safeguard children and of their responsibilities in identifying and reporting possible cases of abuse and to monitor children known or thought to be at risk of harm.
- We are a Prevent Aware school and ensure that our school is a safe space in which children and staff can understand and discuss sensitive topics, including extremist ideas and learn how to challenge these ideas.





Roles and Responsibilities

Staff in school are in a good position to keep a watchful eye on children and their safety and to protect them from harm.

If staff have concerns they have a duty to inform: **Mrs Clare Ritchie, Designated Person for Safeguarding; Child Protection, Mrs Emily Martin Deputy Designated Person for Safeguarding.**

Or

In their absence **Miss Stacey Gray-Hodgson**

Please speak to either of these teachers if you have a concern about a child or family.

The Role of the Governing Body

Safeguarding children is a 'collective responsibility' for the whole of the Governing Body. Every school should have a Nominated Governor for Safeguarding; Child Protection.

In Dean Gibson this is: **Mrs Nicola Ready**

If we feel a child is in need or in danger we are committed to sharing the relevant information in line with Working Together to Safeguard Children, HM Government 2015. Our full and comprehensive policy for Safeguarding and Child Protection can be requested from the Head teacher and is on the school website.

www.deangibson.cumbria.sch.uk

Safeguarding is EVERYONE'S responsibility.





Mrs Clare Ritchie
(Safeguarding Lead)



Mrs Emily Martin
(Safeguarding Deputy)



Miss Stacey Gray-Hodgson
(SENCo)



Mrs Nicola Ready
(Safeguarding Governor)

They (the children) feel safe in School and know how to stay safe out of school".

(Ofsted 2012)

**Safeguarding information can also be accessed on:
<https://scformwmf.cumbria.gov.uk/>**

Below is the single contact number for

Westmorland & Furness Safeguarding Hub, should you have any concerns day or night.



0300 373 2724

