

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Context

At St Benedict's we believe that every child should be kept safe. Children cannot learn effectively or develop unless they feel secure. It is our aim to create an ethos which contributes to the care, safety and wellbeing of all our pupils. At St Benedict's we have a strong pastoral tradition and all staff and volunteers are trained annually. Everyone at St Benedict's has a responsibility to safeguard children and young people.

What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding is the process of protecting children from abuse, neglect, harm or the risk of these as well as providing care and support for children. Child Protection is part of Safeguarding and refers to the actions taken and the agencies engaged, to protect children from harm, when a disclosure is made.

Safeguarding Team

St Benedict's has a dedicated Safeguarding Team of experienced and specially trained staff. Mrs Savage is the school's designated safeguarding lead for all matters related to Child Protection and Safeguarding. In her absence, the deputy designated safeguarding lead is Mrs Kar.



Mrs Savage
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Kar
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Ms McCarten
Year 7 Learning Mentor



Mrs Ennis
Year 8 Learning Mentor



Mr Williamson
Year 9 Learning Mentor



Mrs Brinicombe
Year 10 Learning Mentor



Mrs Wells
Year 11 Learning Mentor



Miss Percival-Boyton
Year 11 Learning Mentor



Ms Sewell
Sixth Form Support Officer



Mr Crosthwaite
Associate SLT

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At St Benedict's, we welcome parents to advise us of any concerns they have with regards to the safety and well-being of our young people. A copy of our full Child Protection Policy is available on the website: www.st-benedicts.cumbria.sch.uk

Talk to us if you are concerned about a child at St Benedict's, please contact the school on: **01946 692275** and ask to speak to a member of the Safeguarding Team or you can contact Children's Services directly. The Safeguarding Team can support you here as well.

What can we do?

When a disclosure of abuse or the risk of abuse is made, the Safeguarding Team will consider all the information carefully and plan a course of action. The Head teacher will be informed and if necessary, Children's Services will be contacted.

Who to contact at St Benedict's?

Mrs Sue Savage – Designated Safeguarding Lead
sue.savage@st-benedicts.cumbria.sch.uk

Mrs Sheena Kar – Deputy Safeguarding Lead
sheena.kar@st-benedicts.cumbria.sch.uk

We also have a safeguarding email which is accessed by all members of the safeguarding team:
safeguarding@st-benedicts.cumbria.sch.uk

Cumberland and Westmorland Multi – Agency Safeguarding Hub is contactable 24 hours a day on the number 0333 240 1727

Protecting children is your responsibility too!

Suggested websites to support families:

www.cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk (access to the online referral)

www.familylives.org.uk

www.childline.org.uk

Cumbria Safeguarding
Children Partnership



REPORT IT. DON'T TOLERATE IT.

ONLINE SAFEGUARDING



This year, we launched our **Safety Hub** app. The app (available within Microsoft Teams) is available for all pupils in the school. Currently, we have sections in the app that cover advise and guidance on:

- Mental Health
- Abuse
- Social Media
- Drugs and Alcohol (including smoking and vaping)
- Exam Stress
- and a 'Help Me' section.

HELP ME

Pupils can use this to ask for help with any safeguarding issue including bullying. If a pupil doesn't feel they can speak to a member of staff in person they can use this app and the message will then be sent to a member of the safeguarding team who will work to resolve the issue with the pupil.

