



Safeguarding and Child Protection @ St Benedict's Catholic High School

**A guide for Parents and Carers
September 2022**

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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 Kar** is the school's designated safeguarding lead for all matters related to Child Protection and Safeguarding. In her absence there are two deputies, **Mrs Savage** and **Mrs Bishop**.



Safeguarding Team

Sheena Kar—Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)



Sue Savage—Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)



Tessa Bishop—Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)





Safeguarding Procedures for Parents and Carers

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 Social Care 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, Social Care will be contacted.



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Who to contact @ St Benedict's?

Mrs Sheena Kar – Designated Safeguarding Lead

Sheena.kar@st-benedicts.cumbria.sch.uk

Mrs Sue Savage – Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Sue.savage@st-benedicts.cumbria.sch.uk

Mrs Tess Bishop – Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Tessa.bishop@st-benedicts.cumbria.sch.uk

Cumbria Multi – Agency Safeguarding Hub is contactable 24 hours a day on the number below:



Protecting children is your responsibility too!

Suggested websites to support families:

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

www.bullying.co.uk

www.parentlineplus.org.uk

www.childline.org.uk

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