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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 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
(DSL)



Mrs Kar
Deputy Designated Safeguarding
Lead (DDSL)



Ms McCarten
Assistant Head of Year



Mrs Ennis
Assistant Head of Year



Mr Williamson
Assistant Head of Year



Mrs Brincombe
Assistant Head of Year



Mrs Wells
Assistant Head of Year



Miss McCarten
Assistant Head of Year



Miss Percival-Boyton
Assistant Head of Year



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 Headteacher 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

If you have urgent concerns for a child, or suspect that a child has been abused in anyway and needs an urgent response, please call Cumberland Children Advice & Support Service (CCASS) on **0333 240 1727**


Protecting children is your responsibility too!

Suggested websites to support families:

www.cumberlandsafeguardingchildren.co.uk

www.nspcc.org.uk

www.childline.org.uk

 If you are concerned that a child is in an emergency situation, you should contact the Police on 999



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REPORT IT. DON'T TOLERATE IT.

ONLINE SAFEGUARDING

STAY SAFE WITH ST BENEDICT'S

Welcome. We are here to help.

Welcome to St Benedict's Catholic High School Safety Hub

On the Safety Hub you can find a range of information, meet your mental health ambassadors, and also contact the safeguarding team.

Select an option below:

- Abuse
- Social Media
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Exam Stress
- Mental Health Ambassadors
- Help me

Additionally, we have 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 advice 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.

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I would like help:
Send a message

Please enter your message

Please Read

When you press the send button below your message will be sent (with your name) to a member of the school Safeguarding Team.

This system is only available during school time. If you send a message outside of school time, it will not be read until school starts again. If you are in danger, you should call 999.

Send my message to the Safeguarding Team

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MENTAL HEALTH AMBASSADORS

Our Sixth Form Mental Health Ambassadors are here to support you.

Meet the ambassadors

You would like to speak to an ambassador, please speak to your Learning Mentor, who will make an appointment for you or make a booking by clicking below.

Talk to an ambassador