

Safeguarding Statement for St Anthony's School

Here at St Anthony's School we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We are fully committed to ensuring that consistent effective safeguarding procedures are in place to support children their families, and the staff at school. All members of staff receive training in Child Protection.

Any concerns about a child should be addressed to the members of staff who are trained as "Designated Child Protection Officers" in school(*see below*) in compliance with the "sharing of information" guidance.

The Designated Members of Staff for Child Protection are:-

Miss H Ball – Headteacher

Miss R Aspden – Assistant Headteacher

Mrs A Parker – Pastoral Manager

If you have any serious concerns about your child or any other pupil at St Anthony's School please do not hesitate to contact any of the staff above who will be able to offer advice and who will be able to discuss your concerns sensitively with the appropriate degree of confidentiality.

There may be occasions where it is necessary for the school to inform Social Services of concerns.

Attendance

All lateness and absences are monitored by Mrs A Parker Pastoral Manager. Reasons will be sought for all absence or lateness by the school office staff. Parents will always be informed of concerns around attendance at the earliest point. At the end of each term letters and attendance records will be sent home if there are any concerns about attendance. The DMS for Child Protection will be aware and a referral to the Education Welfare Office may be required.

Cause for Concern

All staff are required to write a report if they have concerns about a child. This is then given to a DMS for Child Protection. If there are any causes of concern regarding your child we may need to call you to discuss these with you.