

Key Contacts:

School Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Miss E. Wilde: 01942 883 429 or ewilde@athertonsacredheart.wigan.sch.uk

Other Leads: 01942 883 429 or enquiries@admin.athertonsacredheart.wigan.sch.uk

Agency Contacts:

Designated Officer (DO, formerly known as LADO):

Sue Wharton: 01942 486042 or lado@wigan.gov.uk

Children's Social Care referrals

Duty Team: 01942 828300 or further information can be found at

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Health-Social-Care/Children-and-young-people/ProfessionalReferralForm.aspx>

If you believe that a child or young person is at **immediate risk** of harm or injury, then contact the **Police on 999**



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Safeguarding Information

For
Parents

Spring Term 2021

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What is Safeguarding ?

Safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children is defined as:

- Protecting pupils from maltreatment.
- Preventing the impairment of pupils' mental and physical health or development.
- Ensuring that pupils grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care.
- Taking action to enable all pupils to have the best outcomes.

What policies are linked to Safeguarding ?

There are many policies linked to Safeguarding. The main ones are:

- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy - website
- Peer on Peer Abuse Policy - Website
- Antibullying Policy - Website
- Online Safety Policy - Website
- Site Security Policy - Website
- First Aid Policy - Website
- Medications Policy - Website

What is the role of the Safeguarding Lead ?

The role of the Safeguarding Lead is to coordinate, signpost and report on safeguarding matters. They work closely with the different local agencies who are responsible for keeping children and adults safe.

Who are the school Safeguarding Leads ?

In school we have 4 staff members who are trained as Safeguarding leads.

- Mr I. McDermott
- Miss E. Wilde
- Mr S. Gore
- Mrs L. Dunthorne

Who is responsible for Safeguarding our Children ?

We all are. If any parent or community member has any concerns about the welfare of any child then they must report it. Contact details can be found at the end of this document. If the child is in immediate danger, then the police must be contacted.

What is Peer on Peer Abuse ?

Peer on Peer abuse occurs between children. It can occur between pupils of any age and gender, both inside and outside of school, as well as online. Please see **page 29** of the Child Protection Policy for further details. Due to the national increase of incidents relating to this type of abuse and the particular **sexual nature** of the abuse, we also have a separate Peer on Peer Abuse Policy to help deal with any issues which may arise. **Please note**, banter, children joking or 'it's a part of children growing up' **will not and do not** excuse behaviour of this type. Staff will follow these procedures, as well as the procedures outlined in the school's Anti-bullying Policy and Exclusion Policy, where relevant. [We advise parents to speak with their children regarding this matter, especially where children have access to mobile phones, tablets and social media.](#)

What is Neglect ?

Neglect is defined as the persistent failure to meet a child's basic physical and/or psychological needs, likely to result in serious impairment of a child's health or development. This may involve a parent or carer failing to provide a child with adequate food, clothing or shelter (including exclusion from home or abandonment); failing to protect a child from physical or emotional harm or danger; failing to ensure adequate supervision (including through the use of inappropriate caregivers); or failing to ensure access to appropriate medical care or treatment. It may also include neglect of, or unresponsiveness to, a child's basic emotional needs.

What does County Lines mean ?

County Lines refers to criminal activity which involves gangs and the transportation of goods, drugs and people between areas. The most recent statistics shows a growing number of primary aged children involved in this activity. County Lines falls under the category of Child Criminal Exploitation. Please see **page 24** of the Child Protection Policy for further details.

What is Early Help ?

Early help means providing support as soon as a problem emerges, at any point in a child's life. Please see **pages 18 and 19** of the Child Protection Policy for more information. The DSL will take the lead where early help is appropriate. This includes liaising with other agencies and setting up an inter-agency assessment as appropriate. The local early help process will be followed as required.

Multi-Agency Working ?

The school contributes to multi-agency working as part of its statutory duty. The school will work with CSCS (Children's Social Care Services), the police, health services and other services to protect the welfare of its pupils, through the early help process and by contributing to multi-agency plans to provide additional support