



St Mark's Safeguarding Update

"It could (and does) happen here!"

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Golden Rules to safeguarding

Keep calm

Think – "Yes, it could (*and does*) happen here"

Little things matter – puzzle piece!

Always ensure child's wellbeing

Act quickly - pass to DSL – straight away

Record – carefully and fully

Don't ask leading questions – use TED →

Follow up afterwards

What do these stand for?

LADO – Local Authority Designated Officer (like a DSL for Hampshire)

KCSIE – Keeping Children Safe In Education (the government safeguarding policy)

Remember & visit this website

stmarksprimary.net/safeguarding

How do you ask open questions to a child?

T – Tell me ...

E – Explain to me ...

D – Describe that to me ...



PREVENT Duty Agenda

Prevent is designed to support people at risk of joining extremist groups and carrying out terrorist activities. If you have concerns, speak to a DSL or phone 101 directly.

DSLs (**Designated Safeguarding Lead**) at St Mark's are:

Lead: Charles Applegate

Deputies: Nikki Ford, Rebekah Aalsey, Claire Cooper and Natalie Greer

They have a lead responsibility for child protection issues in school.

Whistleblowing

You **must** know who to contact – see the safeguarding website above if not!

Early Help Hub – what is it?

Designed to help families who need support
Often family have at least 1 agency involved already or a fairly significant issue arises.
School or another agency make referral
Professionals meet to discuss best way forward

Parents fully involved – done 'with' not 'to'

What would you do?

Siblings Arthur (Y2) and Sophia (Y6).

Just before the half term, Sophia tells you that she is not looking forward to the holidays as when they stay at grandparents they are not allowed out, and Grandma is always 'nagging them to be quiet'.

Whilst chatting in the staffroom Arthur's teacher passes a comment about Arthur. The teacher goes on to say that she has had previous concerns that after a holiday Arthur returns to school looking very subdued and lacking his usual 'spark'.

Raise the comments with parents re Grandma 'nagging'.

Ascertain awareness and seriousness.

After the holiday discuss with the children how their holiday went and follow up with parents any further concerns you may have.

Continue to monitor and support, and record everything!

Did you know?

Health & Safety is part of safeguarding. It's important to look out for trip hazards, sharp items, or any situation where a person could be hurt. Alert the office ASAP!