



Lancaster Christ Church C of E Primary School

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Safeguarding & Child Protection – Parent Summary

Our commitment to your child

At Lancaster Christ Church C of E Primary School, **keeping children safe is our top priority**. We are committed to protecting every child's physical, emotional and mental wellbeing and ensuring they feel safe, valued and listened to at all times.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility – staff, parents, governors and visitors all play a role in helping to keep children safe.

How we keep children safe

We use a **whole-school approach** to safeguarding, which includes:

- Teaching pupils how to **stay safe and recognise unsafe situations**
- Creating a **safe, respectful environment** where children's voices are heard
- Ensuring all staff are trained to **identify and report concerns**
- Working closely with **external agencies** (e.g. social care, health services, police)
- Following clear procedures if a child may be at risk of harm

Types of safeguarding concerns

Children can be at risk from different types of harm, including:

- **Physical, emotional or sexual abuse and neglect**
- **Bullying or child-on-child abuse**, including online
- **Online risks**, including inappropriate content or messaging
- **Exploitation** (criminal or sexual), gangs or county lines
- **Domestic abuse or family difficulties**
- **Extremism or radicalisation risks**

We are trained to spot early signs and act quickly.

Our safeguarding team

We have a **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)** and trained deputies who:

- Lead safeguarding across the school
- Support staff and families
- Work with other services when needed
- All staff receive **regular safeguarding training** to ensure they know how to keep children safe.



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What happens if there is a concern?

If there are concerns about a child's safety:

- Staff will **report this immediately** to the safeguarding team
- The school will **take appropriate action** and may involve external agencies
- The child will be **supported and kept safe** throughout
- Anyone can make a referral if they are worried about a child.

Working with parents and families

We aim to work in partnership with parents by:

- Keeping you informed where appropriate
- Offering **early help and support** if needed
- Signposting to services that can help families

Your child's safety is always our main priority.

Online safety

We take online safety seriously by:

- Teaching children how to **stay safe online**
- Using **filters and monitoring systems** on school devices
- Supporting parents with guidance on online risks

Safer recruitment

All staff and volunteers undergo **strict background and suitability checks** to ensure they are safe to work with children.

What you can do as a parent

You can help by:

- Talking to your child about **keeping safe**
- Reporting any concerns to the school
- Working with us to support your child's wellbeing