



Statement of Principles for Volunteers

St Giles' C of E (A) Infant School is committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all its pupils so they can learn in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. Our Christian values of Love; Compassion; Friendship; Thankfulness; Forgiveness; Respect and Courage are embedded throughout all aspects of school life. The School takes seriously its responsibility to protect and safeguard its pupils. Ours is an OPEN SCHOOL. This means that anyone who has worries about another pupil in the school should talk to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads about it as soon as possible.

At St Giles' C of E (A) Infant School we create an environment where children are safe from abuse and in which any suspicion of abuse is promptly and appropriately responded to. It is our duty under the school policies and declarations to ensure:

1. The school has four members of staff and a Governor member jointly responsible for Child Protection. The schools appointed Designated Safeguarding Lead is **NICOLA ANGUS** and the Deputy DSLs are **ELLIE MUTCH, CATHERINE PEACHEY and JUSTINE PIRT**. The Safeguarding Governor is **DANIEL BECK**.
2. Government statutory guidance, 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' **September 2023**, 'Working Together to Safeguard Children July 2018', 'What to do if you're worried a child is being abused March 2015' and 'Prevent Duty' guidance July 2015 recommendations are securely in place in the schools practices including appointments, inductions and appraisals.
3. The Designated Safeguarding Leads and all staff keep abreast of current legislation and advice and undertake regular up-dated training.
4. Any suspected or alleged abuse or neglect must be dealt with following school's procedures and guidelines. This must be reported to **ONE OF THE DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEADS**. These should be reported immediately by the volunteers and relevant action will be taken.
5. Volunteers should ensure they have read and fully understand the school's Acceptable User Policy and Mobile Phone policy. Volunteers should sign the Acceptable Use Policy and return it to the School Office.

6. Volunteers have read and fully understand their duties in the school in accordance with 'Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023'.
7. Any volunteers in the classroom receive training and induction including a summary of the School's procedures for child protection issues. This training is undertaken prior to volunteering in school.
8. We maintain a code of practice for Volunteers. All are advised not to be alone with one child for any length of time and to keep any doors open if working with a group of children (for example in the Cooking room).

I have read and agree to work in accordance with the above policies and guidance within the St Giles' C of E Infant (A) School policies and procedures.

Sign..... Print name Date