



St. John's RC Primary School

Inspired by the Holy Spirit and guided by the teaching of Jesus
Love one another, as I have loved you

Safeguarding Newsletter July 2025

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that at St John's Primary School, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children is everyone's responsibility and remains our top priority.

Everyone who comes into contact with children and families in our school community has an important role to play in identifying concerns, sharing information, and taking prompt action to keep children safe.

We are committed to creating a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment for all our pupils, and we thank you for your continued support in helping us do so.

Meet Our Safeguarding Team

We encourage all parents to contact us if they have any concerns, no matter how small. Our safeguarding team is here to help:

- **Miss Bingham** – Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Acting Head & LKS2 Phase Leader
- **Miss Page** – Deputy DSL & KS1 Phase Leader
- **Mrs Trivett**– Deputy DSL & Early Years Phase Leader
- **Miss Callan**– Deputy DSL & UKS2 Phase Leader
- **Mrs Sykes**– Deputy DSL & Family Support/ Attendance

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Safeguarding

If you have concerns that a child may be in immediate danger, call the police on 999 or MASH on 0345 050 7666.

If you have safeguarding concerns about a child or family, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01295 263740 and ask to speak to a member of the safeguarding team.

Alternatively, you can email our DSL (Miss A Bingham) directly:

familysupport@st-johns-banbury.oxon.sch.uk

Locality and Community Support Service



Dear parents and carers,

My name is Cary Johnston, and I work for the Locality Community Support Service (LCSS) and I am the link worker for St. John's Catholic Primary School.

At times children and families need a bit of extra support – and when that happens, it's ok to ask for help. As the school's link worker, I offer advice to them about community support and Early Help. I can also refer and signpost to external agencies. The school would gain consent from a parent or carer to discuss a family with me.

Early help is there to make sure worries don't become bigger and to ensure families get the support they need at the right time.

The aim of LCSS is to ensure families have their support needs met by agencies within the community. This could include support from school staff, nursery staff, health visitor, midwife, school health nurse, early years practitioner, doctor, voluntary worker or another trusted professional. Please see further information here: [Early Help and the Locality Community Support Service \(LCSS\) - Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board \(oscb.org.uk\)](https://www.oscb.org.uk/early-help-and-the-locality-community-support-service-lcss-oxfordshire-safeguarding-children-board)

For more information on what Early Help is please see here: [Early-help-guide-for-families-Sept-2023.pdf \(oscb.org.uk\)](https://www.oscb.org.uk/early-help-guide-for-families-sept-2023.pdf) or contact your family support officer Mrs Sykes on familysupport@st-johns-banbury.oxon.sch.uk

Many thanks,

Cary Johnston



We would like to let you know that Mrs Sykes, our Family Support Worker, is now offering regular drop-in sessions each Monday for any parents or carers who may wish to have a chat, ask for advice, or seek support.

The sessions will take place at the following times:

- 🕒 Monday mornings at 9:00am
- 🕒 Monday after school at 3:30pm

No appointment is necessary – just come along if there's anything you'd like to talk about, big or small. Mrs Sykes is here to support you and your family in any way she can.

If you would prefer to arrange a private meeting at a different time, please contact the school office.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Useful Safeguarding Acronyms and Vocabulary

DSL: Designated Safeguarding Lead
MASH: Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub
CP: Child Protection
CiN: Child in Need
CEOP: Child Exploitation and On-Line Protection Centre
KCSIE: Keeping Children Safe in Education
PREVENT: Part of the Government's Counter-Terrorism Strategy to stop people being drawn in to extremism
CAMHs: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
SEND: Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!



🖥️ Online Safety – A Shared Responsibility

Children are increasingly accessing digital content through phones, tablets, and gaming consoles. Help us keep them safe by:

- Checking privacy settings on apps (e.g. YouTube, Roblox, TikTok)
- Talking to your child about what they do online
- Setting time limits and ensuring they use age-appropriate platforms

Useful link: www.internetmatters.org

🚶 Out-of-School Safety

With lighter evenings and outdoor play increasing, please remind your child to:

- Stay within safe boundaries and avoid unfamiliar areas
- Never speak to strangers or get into unknown vehicles
- Check in with an adult if they're changing plans

Thank
you