

What can parents and carers do to help?

Children get the best from education services when staff, parents and Carers are working together and there is good communication.

Please inform a member of staff if your child has an accident or illness or is upset by something that has happened at home or within the family.

If staff are worried about your child and there is no obvious explanation, their training will lead them to think about possible child abuse.

If a member of staff thinks a parent or carer will hurt a child because they are behaving badly, it will make it difficult to talk to the parent or carer about any behavioural concerns. Children's behaviour tends to improve when they understand that staff, parents and carers are working together.

(An extract from "Protecting children in education settings")

www.southwark.gov.uk/safeguardingchildren

If you are concerned that a child may be suffering or is likely to suffer harm, please contact Southwark's Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) duty desk on **020 7525 1921**.

Out of office hours:
call **020 7525 5000**
and ask to speak to a
duty social worker.



www.childline.org.uk

08001111

www.nspcc.org.uk

0808800500

www.parentlineplus.org.uk

08088002222

<http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/>



Safeguarding Children at St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School



Forward in Faith

An information leaflet for parents, carers and visitors

"Child protection procedures are very robust" (OfSTED inspection, 2006)

"This is a happy school where a culture of spiritual development and mutual respect is fostered. Almost all parents, carers, pupils, and staff are very positive about behaviour at the school, with many parents and carers praising the caring attitudes of individual staff and the warm, cohesive, community atmosphere at the school"

(St Anthony's was graded outstanding in the behaviour and safety of pupils in the most recent Ofsted inspection, 2012)

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School places a high level of importance on the welfare, protection and safeguarding of all its pupils.

The purpose of this leaflet is to share with you our outstanding safeguarding practice and the responsibility we have at St Anthony's—

- We work to establish and maintain an ethos where children feel secure and will be listened to in an open, positive atmosphere. This includes activities within the curriculum such as PSHE and Healthy Schools.
- We ensure the children know that they can approach any member of staff if they are worried or are in difficulty.
- We actively seek the views of children, listening to them and involving them in decisions about their education.
- We will make any referrals necessary to ensure the well being of all children is safeguarded.

- Every effort will be made to establish effective working relationships with parents and our colleagues from other agencies, such as health, the police and social care.
- All teaching and non-teaching staff know their responsibilities regarding the need to safeguard children and in identifying and reporting possible cases of abuse and to monitor children known, or thought to be at risk of harm.
- All adults within our school who work closely with children have been checked as to their suitability, in accordance with OFSTED regulations.

St Anthony's Catholic School's policy for Safeguarding, as well as Southwark's information leaflet "Protecting Children in Education Settings" is available to read on the website at www.stanthonysprimary.co.uk/index.php/safeguarding
Paper copies are available on request from the school office.

Roles and Responsibilities

All staff at St Anthony's Catholic Primary School are skilled in keeping children safe and protecting them from harm.

All staff have completed the required safeguarding training and always report concerns, however trivial they may seem.

They have a duty to inform Mrs Kirstin Macdonald or Mr Ian Croft (Assistant Headteachers/ Designated Safeguarding Officers or Mrs Jane Day (Headteacher)).

The Role of the Governing Body

The Governing Body will ensure that they comply with their duties under legislation and that the policies, procedures and training in the school are effective and comply with the law at all times.

The Governing Body has nominated **Mr Peter Firkin** as the link governor for safeguarding to liaise with the school on issues of child protection.