



St Mary's Academy

Safeguarding Report – January 2016

*'St Mary's is a Christian School where we aim to
Value – Inspire – Learn and Celebrate Together'*

DSL: Colin Haley
Alternate DSLs: Gemma Kingston, Anne Cooper
Governor (Safeguarding): John Cox
E Safety: Colin Holmes
Single Central record: Dawn Dixon

1. The annual safeguarding audit was completed 21 Jan 16. There are no significant safeguarding issues. The audit return will be made to the LA by 1 Feb 16. Key actions for the coming year are:

- a. E-safety lead training (and T\$T).
- b. Review all e-safety policies (inc social media, networking and ICT).
- c. Review and update Acceptable User Agreements (inc all parents Sept 16).
- d. Safeguard update training for all staff and Governors (Autumn 2016).

2. Training. There are a number of training requirements in the coming year. These include:

Single Central Record (DD – 2nd on waiting list)
Whole School safeguard training (Sept 16)
DSL (CD on return to work)
Governor safeguard training including 'Safeguard Governor' (inc Safer Recruiting)
E-safety lead

CH has requalified as a safeguard trainer and will conduct the whole school training in September. Induction training is in place for all new joiners.

3. All policies and procedures have been checked and updated where necessary. The DSL holds all Safeguarding policies and it is recommended that administrative policy amendments (eg reference alterations) be undertaken immediately by the DSL then be subject to ratification by TD at a later stage.

Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
Dealing with allegations of abuse against staff and volunteers
Code of Conduct
Intimate Care Policy
Whistleblowing Policy
Criminal Records Checking Policy
Recruitment and Selection Policy
E-safety (online safety) Policy



Social Media Policy
Social Networking Policy
ICT (Computing) Policy

4. There was one incident – one Y5 pupil leaving the premises by climbing over a gate in Jun 15. This was fully investigated and reported separately. The recommendations from the report have all been completed and walkie-talkies are now provided for supervising staff. A number of referrals to other agencies were made by the school during the last 12 months with appropriate responses from relevant agency. The school has concerns that the capacity for other agencies to respond has significantly diminished. There were no complaints against staff during the period.

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