

## St Mary's Church of England Academy

## Safeguarding at St Mary's

If you are worried about your safety or someone else's safety, the teachers to speak to are:

Mrs Andrea Flack **DSL** 

Mrs Roxanne Rutter
Alternate DSL

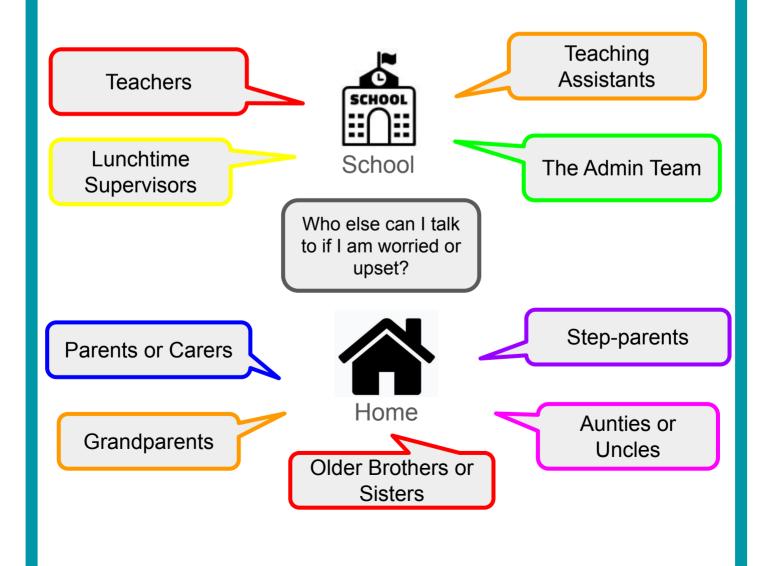
Miss Melanie Lowe
Alternate DSL

Mrs Lucy Blackford

Alternate DSL

Miss Heidi Andrews
Assistant DSL

Miss Jade Colclough
Assistant DSL



# Responding to a disclosure:

#### DO:

- Stay calm and reassure
- Listen and be supportive
- Accept what you hear without passing judgement
- Explain what you will do next
- Inform the DSL of your concerns immediately
- Record in writing what was said using CPOMS for reported incidents on the same working day



This is so important that I need to talk to someone else.

I will do my best to try and help you.

I am glad you told me.

### DO NOT:

- Show shock, distaste or disbelief
- Express and opinion
- Share your own experience
- Make comments about whom the allegations have been made or approach this person
- Dismiss what is being shared
- Ask any leading questions, interrogate, or jump to any conclusions
- Promise confidentiality you must explain that you need to pass the information on to keep them safe
- Make promises that you cannot keep e.g. say that everything will be 'ok'