

St. Katherine's School Safeguarding Statement

St. Katherine's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We strive to ensure that consistent effective safeguarding procedures are in place to support families, children and staff at school.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Hayden Southon. The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Justin Humphreys. Julie Ball is also trained in child protection.

St. Katherine's School has policies and procedures in place to deal effectively with child protection and safeguarding issues together with recording and monitoring processes.

To promote a safe environment for young people at St. Katherine's School our selection and recruitment policy includes all statutory checks on staff and regular volunteers including Enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks.

All staff are trained to a level appropriate to their safeguarding responsibilities ranging from basic awareness for all to Level 2 for key staff. Other safeguarding training is attended by relevant staff and governors. This training is monitored and comprehensive records kept by our Human Resources Manager.

All concerns are passed through members of staff who are trained as "Designated Child Protection Officers" in school in compliance with the HM government "Working Together To Safeguard Children" guidance (July 2018) and "Keeping Children Safe In Education" (September 2018). Staff are required to report any causes of concern to the school safeguarding team using the online Class Charts system.

Attendance is monitored closely and concerns are shared as appropriate with parents/ carers, the Education Welfare Service, Social Care and the school Safeguarding Team. St. Katherine's School will work effectively with other agencies and parent/carers when necessary to safeguard young people.

If you have any serious concerns about your child or any other student at St. Katherine's School please do not hesitate to contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead who will be able to provide you with the best advice and help using the appropriate degree of confidentiality.

St. Katherine's School Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Hayden Southon (01275 373737)

St. Katherine's School Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Justin Humphreys (01275 373737)

St. Katherine's School Safeguarding Governor:

Sarah Parslow (01275 373737)

Other staff trained in child protection:

Julie Ball (01275 373737)

Designated Officer for Allegations (DOFA)

If you have any concerns about the behaviour of someone working or volunteering with children please contact the Designated Officer for Allegations (DOFA formerly known as the LADO) in North Somerset: 01275 888808