

Support Services

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub
(M.A.S.H)

The Multi-Agency safeguarding Hub (MASH) deals with referrals from professionals and members of the public who may have concerns about a child's welfare (following contact with the helpline that is now also based in the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub).

Telephone: 0300 126 3000 (option 1)

Or report online at:

[Report a concern - Help and protection for children \(nctrust.co.uk\)](http://nctrust.co.uk)



Any concerns?

If you have any concerns about any member of our school community, or have questions about the information in this leaflet, please speak to Mrs Brydon, Miss McKay or Miss Rose.

Further Information

Please refer to our Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy (available on the school website, or the school office).

www.stbrendansprimaryschool.co.uk

Additional guidance is available from:

<http://www.northamptonshirescb.org.uk/>



Independent advice and guidance is available from:



**St Brendan's
Catholic Primary
School**

Safeguarding Children

A Guide for Parents

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss R. MacKay Head of School

Deputy Safeguarding Leads

Mrs L. Brydon Executive Lead

Miss J. Rose

Mrs L. Barron-Edgley

Miss P. Bell Deputy

Nominated Safeguarding Governor

Mr Brian Sweeney



Safeguarding Children at St Brendan's Catholic Primary School



Statutory requirements

Working Together to Safeguard Children (HM Government, 2021) requires all schools to follow the procedures for protecting children from abuse which are established by the Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Partnership.

Keeping Children Safe in Education (DFE 2023) places several responsibilities on all schools, these include:

- Appointing Designated Safeguarding Leads and providing them with the recognised additional training they need to provide support and guidance to all staff and members of the school community on safeguarding. DSL's are also responsible for liaising with other agencies involved in safeguarding.
- Ensuring all staff are trained in safeguarding and understand their responsibilities in this area.
- Have robust reporting systems that are effective
- Work with other agencies as needed to ensure children's safety, including the sharing of information where there is a genuine need to do so.
- To ensure effective online safety procedures are in place, including filtering and monitoring.
- To provide a secure and safe environment for children to learn.

St Brendan's Catholic Primary School will:

- Establish and maintain an environment where children feel secure, are encouraged to talk, and are listened to when they have a worry or concern.
- Include throughout our curriculum opportunities for children to recognise and stay safe from potential risks.
- Establish and maintain an environment where school staff and volunteers feel safe, are encouraged to talk and are listened to when they have concerns about the safety and well-being of a child.
- Ensure children know that there are adults in the school whom they can approach if they are worried.
- Record incidents of abuse, in line with statutory requirements, taking advice from MASH as needed.
- Undertake appropriate discussion with parents prior to involvement of another agency, unless to do so would place the child at further risk of harm.
- Work in partnership with other agencies to implement child protection; child in need or Early Help Assessments if and when they are needed.

As parents, you can help by:

- Listening carefully to your children and letting us know of any concerns as soon as possible.
- Reinforcing safeguarding and online safety messages at home.
- Following the school routines and requirements that support safeguarding.
- Being aware of the different types of abuse children can suffer:

Physical abuse

Emotional abuse

Sexual abuse

Neglect

(Explanation of these terms and additional information on issues such as FGM and CSE can be found in our policy available on the school website).

The Prevent Duty

As a school we also wish to protect children from all forms of radicalisation. If you have concerns about any children in this regard, please raise them in the same way as you would raise any other safeguarding issue.