



ST OLAVE'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

There can be no issue of greater importance to parents and carers, or to schools, than the safety of their children; safeguarding remains high on Ofsted's agenda and schools are encouraged to give an appropriate high priority to getting their safeguarding procedures right.

There is no reason why good practice in safeguarding should not be a feature of every school; at St Olave's Grammar School, we comply with requirements and often move beyond them; it is not seen as a burden but as a reasonable and essential part of the fabric of the school; we pay attention to the meticulous and systematic implementation of policies and routines; it involves every member of the school community in some way; and we have a sharp eye on the particular circumstances and needs of all pupils, especially the most vulnerable.

The School's Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Rochelle Maxwell, who also has overall responsibility for Safeguarding, and the school's Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Matthew Birtchnell. If any member of our community has a concern about a pupil or member of staff's welfare, they should contact either Mrs Maxwell or Mr Birtchnell in the first instance. In the absence of the designated teachers, initial immediate referral should be made directly to the Headteacher.

A governor (Ms Saffron Rose) has been appointed to oversee Safeguarding which appears as a standing agenda item on every Curriculum/Personnel Committee and Full Governing Body agenda.

All policies relating to Safeguarding are reviewed, and if necessary updated, annually. Additional policies are added as the perceived need arises.