



St. Edward's Catholic Primary School

Jesus is at the heart of all that we do

At St. Edward's, we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the children and adults in our school and we have the same expectation of our staff, volunteers and visitors.

Our School will support all children by:

- ◆ Promoting a caring, safe and positive environment within the school.
- ◆ Encouraging self-esteem and self-assertiveness.
- ◆ Effectively tackling bullying and harassment.

We recognise that some children may be victims of neglect, physical, sexual or emotional abuse. Staff working with children are well placed to identify such abuse.

At St. Edward's in order to protect our children, we aim to:

- ◆ Create an atmosphere where all of our children feel secure, valued and listened to.
- ◆ Recognise signs and symptoms of abuse.
- ◆ Respond quickly, appropriately and effectively to cases of suspected abuse.

If you have a concern that a child is being harmed, is at risk of harm, or you receive a disclosure (intentionally or unintentionally) you must contact the following staff members IMMEDIATELY:

DSL: MISS KATHERINE COSTELLO (DEPUTY HEADTEACHER)

If this person is not available

Mrs Joanne Kennett (Headteacher)

Mrs Sinead Doherty (Assistant Headteacher)

Mrs Adele Kendrick (Assistant Headteacher)

Miss Katrina Sankey (School Business Manager)

Miss Paige Atkins (Teaching Assistant)

Parents/carers should be aware that everyone who works with our children:

- ◆ Will be vigilant, listen and note carefully any observations which could indicate abuse.
- ◆ Will not attempt to investigate once the initial concern is raised.
- ◆ Will involve a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL/DDSL) immediately.
- ◆ Understands that disclosures of abuse or harm from children may be made at any time.

IF ANYTHING WORRIES YOU – REPORT IT IMMEDIATELY!

External support/referral can also be made through Birmingham City Council Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0121 303 1888.