



# St. Mary's

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Church of England Primary School

## OVERARCHING SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

# ST. MARY'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL, KIRKBY LONSDALE

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At St Mary's CE Primary School, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Inspired by our Christian vision to enable all children to flourish together, we are fully committed to creating a safe, supportive, and welcoming environment where every child feels valued, respected, and listened to.

We maintain a culture of ongoing vigilance where the best interests of the child are always paramount. We adhere strictly to statutory guidance, including Department for Education regulations **Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE 2026)** and **Working Together to Safeguard Children (2026)**, alongside local procedures established by the **Westmorland and Furness Safeguarding Children Partnership (W&FSCP)**.

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### KEY SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS

If you have any concerns regarding the safety, welfare, or well-being of a child at St Mary's, please contact a member of our Designated Safeguarding Team immediately:

| Role                                                | Name                         |
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| <b>Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)</b>           | Brian Jones (Headteacher)    |
| <b>Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs)</b> | Duncan Bromley & Amy Hackett |
| <b>SENCo</b>                                        | Hannah Burnett               |
| <b>Designated Teacher for Cared-For Children</b>    | Brian Jones                  |
| <b>Safeguarding Link Governor</b>                   | Jo Gill                      |
| <b>Chair of Governors</b>                           | Jo Gill                      |

Contact all key leads via the main school office: 015242 71334 / [admin@stmarys-kl.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stmarys-kl.cumbria.sch.uk)

## OUR SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENTS

1. **Child-Centered Culture & Early Help:** We identify emerging needs early, providing timely support (Early/Family Help) to prevent concerns from escalating.
  2. **Robust Safer Recruitment:** All staff, governors, and regular volunteers undergo rigorous pre-employment checks—including Enhanced DBS disclosures—before working with our pupils.
  3. **Regular Staff Training:** All staff receive mandatory annual safeguarding training, regular briefings, and understand their individual responsibility to identify signs of abuse, neglect, or exploitation (both offline and online).
  4. **Digital & Online Safety:** We maintain robust filtering and monitoring systems across our school technology to protect pupils online while empowering them with digital literacy through our curriculum.
  5. **Multi-Agency Partnership:** We work closely with external partners—including Westmorland and Furness Children's Social Care, Health Services, and Cumbria Constabulary—including active participation in **Operation Encompass** to support children affected by domestic abuse.
  6. **Openness & Managing Allegations:** We promote an open culture where staff feel confident raising concerns or low-level worries, supported by our clear Whistleblowing procedures.
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## REPORTING OUT-OF-HOURS CONCERNS

If you believe a child is in immediate danger, call **999**.

To report a safeguarding concern about a child in Westmorland and Furness outside of school hours, contact:

- **Westmorland & Furness Safeguarding Hub / Children's Social Care:** 0300 373 2724
- **Emergency Duty Team (Out of Hours / Weekends / Bank Holidays):** 0300 373 2724
- **NSPCC Helpline:** 0808 800 5000

*Our full **Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy** and related policies (including Behaviour, Online Safety, Anti-Bullying, and Staff Code of Conduct) are available on request or via the school website.*