



# Safeguarding

At St Thomas' all staff recognise their moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all pupils; this is placed at the centre of everything that we do.

Safeguarding legislation and government guidance states that safeguarding means:

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's health or development
- Ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcome

At St Thomas' we endeavour to provide a safe and welcoming environment where children are respected and valued. Through pastoral care we are concerned with promoting the moral, social, physical and emotional well-being of all pupils, in order for them to reach their full potential.

All children will have the same rights and same value regardless of age, race, culture, gender, disability, or social/economic background.

We are alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and follow our procedures to ensure that children receive effective support, protection and justice.

We also ensure that procedures followed are in line with legislation and are consistent with those of [Stockport Safeguarding Partnership](#). All staff receive annual Child Protection and Safeguarding update training and are aware of the procedures for passing on concerns within our school.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) at St Thomas' is Ms L Loynes (Headteacher), and Deputy Safeguarding Leads are Mr P Campen and Mr C Silk.

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please report these to any of the staff listed above.