



CHRIST CHURCH CHORLEYWOOD



"What we nurture today, flourishes tomorrow."

"I am the vine, and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me." John 15

love | joy | peace | patience | kindness | goodness | faithfulness | gentleness | self-control

Christ Church School – Annual Safeguarding Summary **Academic Year: 2024–2025**

Introduction

At Christ Church School, the safety and wellbeing of all pupils is our top priority. This summary outlines the safeguarding activity and initiatives from the past academic year and demonstrates how we continue to maintain high standards of child protection.

Safeguarding Leadership

Our safeguarding team includes:

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Mrs S Selleck

Deputy DSLs Mrs Allaway & Miss Bailey

Safeguarding Governor Mrs Odutola

All staff receive regular training to ensure they are confident in recognising and responding to safeguarding concerns.

Staff Training

All staff completed safeguarding training appropriate to their role.

DSL and deputies attended advanced safeguarding courses covering child protection, online safety, and managing disclosures.

Safeguarding Initiatives

- Updated Safeguarding Policy to reflect the latest statutory guidance.
- Reviewed and strengthened online safety protocols to protect pupils from digital risks.
- Promoted mental health awareness through PSHE lessons and targeted support for vulnerable pupils.
- Introduced additional provision at lunch times to enhance pupil engagement and provides extra supervision during lunch time break

Child Welfare and Wellbeing

- Regular monitoring of vulnerable pupils, including those receiving additional support from external agencies.
- Pastoral support and mentoring for pupils experiencing anxiety, stress, or trauma.
- Breakout spaces and quiet areas available for children who feel overwhelmed.
- Introduction of a therapy dog to support pupils' emotional wellbeing.

Safeguarding Challenges and Actions

Challenge: Ensuring the security of the school site. Construction of the boundary wall, part of the Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) project, has now begun, improving overall site safety.

Actions Taken:

- Increased parental engagement through early conversations and support.
- Signposting parents to online safeguarding and wellbeing courses.
- Regular meetings between DSL and Safeguarding Governor to ensure oversight.
- Updated Relationships and Behaviour policy to promote positive interactions.
- These measures have strengthened both the physical and pastoral safeguarding provisions at Christ Church School.

Engagement with Parents and the Community

- Regular communication with parents about safeguarding responsibilities and initiatives.
- We can direct parents to workshops providing guidance on online safety, mental health, and recognising early signs of abuse.

Governing Body Oversight

- Safeguarding is a standing agenda item at governing body meetings.
- Governors review policy updates, monitor staff training compliance, and receive regular safeguarding reports from the DSL.

Conclusion

Christ Church School remains committed to creating a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment where all pupils can thrive. Safeguarding procedures are regularly reviewed and updated to reflect best practice, legislative guidance, and the evolving needs of our school community.

What Parents Can Do

Parents play a key role in safeguarding. You can support your child and the school by:

- Talking to your child about their online and offline safety.
- Encouraging your child to speak up if they feel worried, unsafe, or unhappy.
- Familiarising yourself with the school's safeguarding and online safety policies.
- Informing the school promptly if there are any changes in your child's circumstances that might affect their wellbeing.
- Attending workshops to stay up to date with safeguarding guidance.