

Keeping Children Safe

Christ the Sower Primary School is committed to creating a happy and safe environment for our children to learn.

This leaflet will help you understand how we keep your children safe by telling you:

- How children can be harmed
- What we must do to keep your child safe from harm
- What you must do as a parent to help your child be safe and enjoy school

Child Protection

Keeping children safe is an absolutely integral part of our role and we take it incredibly seriously and all of our staff receive regular training. Our priority is to work with you but there may be times when we have to involve other people.

Everybody has a responsibility to keep all children under the age of 18 safe. Harm is identified in four ways:

Physical—This is when a child is deliberately hurt or injured

Sexual—This is when a child is influenced or forced to take part in a sexual activity. This can be a physical activity or none physical, e.g. being made to look at an inappropriate image.

Emotional—This is when a child is made to feel frightened, worthless or unloved. It can be by shouting, using threats or making fun of someone. It can also be when children see their parents, or visitors to the home fighting or using violence

Neglect—This is when a child is not being taken care of by their parents. It can be poor hygiene, poor diet, not keeping appointments for additional support, not coming to school or being left home alone.

Useful Contacts

Designated Senior Person:

Ms. J De Louvois, Family Liaison Officer

Deputy Designated Senior Person:

Ms. M Nugent, Headteacher

Deputy Designated Senior Person:

Mrs Wilson-Andoh, Deputy Headteacher

Chair of Governors with Safeguarding responsibility:

Ms J Hatfield

School office number: 01908 867356

Social Care Advice: MK Mash: 01908 253169
email: children@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Police non-emergency: 101



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Information for Parents and Visitors



What School Must Do

A child should be able to go to school and feel safe so that they can achieve their very best.

- Anybody who works or volunteers at **Christ the Sower Primary School** will be checked by the Police (vetted) to make sure they are safe to work with children and then trained to identify child abuse and what to do if they are concerned.
- The school has a Designated Senior Person for Safeguarding, **Mrs. Robertson**, and two Deputy Designated leads for Safeguarding (**Miss Nugent and Mrs. Wilson-Andoh**)
- We will always listen to you and work closely with you if we are concerned about your child but, sometimes, we may not be able to discuss our concern. The school has a safeguarding policy which tells you more about this and when we must speak to the police or children's services. This is available on our website, or you can request a paper copy from the office.
- We will help your child to learn about keeping themselves safe. Lessons can include healthy eating, anti-bullying, e-safety, road safety, healthy relationships, drug and alcohol awareness. As part of these lessons your child will be told what to do if they are worried or concerned about their safety.

What Parents Must Do

Parents are the most important people when it comes to keeping their children safe.

- You should always feel confident enough to raise concerns about your child.
- Talk to school if you need help or support.
- Read the school policies about safety issues
- Let the school know if your child has a medical condition
- Let the school know if you have any court orders relating to the safety of your child
- Let the school know if there is a change in your circumstances such as a house move, a new contact number, a change of name, a change of parental responsibility.
- Let us know who will be dropping off or collecting your child and two other emergency contact. You must inform the school of any changes to agreed arrangements.
- Let the school know if your child is going to be absent and the reasons why.



We want to work closely with you to keep your child safe, happy and healthy.

Safeguarding Issues

Attendance—your child's attendance is monitored daily and significant absences are always followed up by the attendance officer. The school has an attendance policy that you should read and understand.

Behaviour—**CTS** has clear behaviour rules for the whole school community that must be followed to keep everyone safe and happy. We understand that children do sometimes fall out and this will be dealt with by an adult who will listen to the children involved and help to resolve the situation.

Bullying—The school takes all cases of bullying very seriously and will work with children and families to try and resolve any problems. The school has an anti-bullying policy that you should read and understand.

Health and Safety—Everyone at **CTS** has a **responsibility** to keep adults and children working in a safe environment. The school has a clear health and safety policy which everyone must follow. The school has fully trained first aiders to deal with any accidents in school.

E-safety - The school recognises that technology plays an important role in the education of our children so we are committed to safeguarding children in the virtual world. To support parents, the school regularly issues e-safety information to help keep your children safe both in school and at home.

Complaints—If you have any complaints about how the school is working with you or your child please feel confident to speak to us. The headteacher will always be happy to speak to you to resolve any difficulties. It is better to speak to us as soon as you have a concern so that it does not become a bigger issue.