



Safeguarding at St Nicholas

Everyone in our school community is fully committed to ensuring all children are safe during their time with us.

Safeguarding is everybody's business.

All school staff and 'involved' adults are DBS (The Disclosure and Barring Service) cleared. Procedures set by Somerset Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB) and guidance from the DfE in *Keeping Children Safe in Education*, July 2015 and *Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015* are the foundations of ensuring we know how to keep our children safe at all times while they are in our care.

Our fully trained DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) is

Mrs Alison Shearer, Head Teacher

(Also lead on CLA - Children Looked After)

Mrs Jenny Bendell (from Oct 2016) & Mrs Caroline Middleton-Hunt (from Jan 2017): both phase leaders are DDSLs (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads who take the lead in the absence of the Head teacher)

Mrs Jane Jeanes - Safeguarding Governor

Mrs Alison Shearer has undertaken Home Office PREVENT training and is an accredited trainer for our school. All staff and 'involved adults' have (will do - if new to the team) received training in PREVENT through the Home Office designated WRAP (Workshop to

Raise Awareness of Prevent) materials. Information sheets for parents and adults have been sent home to all families. These can also be seen on our school website. Please contact us if you have any concerns.

*We make every effort to keep updated with any new legislation or guidance. The **NSPCC materials** are most helpful and we recently organised workshops by the NSPCC trainers for children in Year 5 and 6. (nspcc.org.uk)*

We also work closely with other agencies such as our educational psychologist, Get Set Team, PFSA (2016-2017 for our school = Mrs Mandy Peters) , Social Care, Health Authorities and the Police. This allows for a full, clear picture to build when dealing with a particular child or family.

Staff also attend SSCB training; for example, Mrs Shearer has recently attended 'Think Family, Think Child' training on 07.03.16

Mrs Shearer attended the SSCB Child Protection update training on 11.03.16 - trainer, Kate Greenwood + Safer Recruitment with our Chair of Governors, Mr Norman Symcox, training in November 2016.

Mrs Shearer - also attending 'Signs of Safety' safeguarding training - November 2016

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACTS if you are worried about the safety and well being of a child (In law, young people are children until their 18th birthday):

- *Children's Social Care - 0300 123 2224*
- *Email at childrens@somerset.gov.uk*

- Phone the police - directly on 101 and they will discuss with Children's Social Care about what action should be taken.
- IN AN EMERGENCY always contact the police by dialling 999.
- If you wish to speak with a social worker outside of office hours, please phone the EDT (Emergency Duty Team) on: 0300 123 23 27
- Somerset Direct - (child protection referral) - 0300 123 2224
- GET SET, Children's Centre, Oaklands - 01935 848942
- **Somerset Safeguarding Children Board website on <https://slp.somerset.org.uk/sites/somersetlscb>**
Tel: 0300 123 2224
For updates on, for example, CSE, Child Sexual Exploitation Conference Workshop - see presentation slides from training May 2015. (LSCB Multi-agency Trainer - Kate Greenwood 01823 357119 KGreenwood@somerset.gov.uk)
- CAF (Early Help Assessment) Co-ordinator, Philippa Small (01823) 355803 CAFcoordinator@somerset.gov.uk
- E-Safety/Online Safety - the safety of users of computers, the internet, mobile phones, hand held devices, games consoles and many more - www.swgfl.org.uk + www.thinkuknow.co.uk + www.saferinternet.org.uk
- Somerset Direct (worried about someone's behaviour with children?) - 0845 345 9122
- More information on vetting and barring - www.isa-gov.org.uk
- Safeguarding adviser for Education - Jane Weatherill - JWeatherill@somerset.gov.uk
- Early Years Safeguarding Advisor - Kate Kift - KZKift@somerset.gov.uk
- CRIF - common referral information form (used when the child's needs cannot be met by the school) found on www.swcpp.org.uk

- *LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer - Anthony Goble) enquiries/allegations against staff - Somerset Direct - 01823 355697 agoble@somerset.gov.uk*

- *More information on PREVENT - <http://www.educateagainsthate.com/>*