

Safeguarding and Child Protection Information

Governor Lead: Victoria Beadle

Nominated Lead Member of Staff: Valerie Elliott

Status & Review Cycle: Statutory Annual

Next Review Date: September 2026

Safeguarding Statement 2026

St James Primary School recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all pupils. We endeavour to provide a safe and welcoming environment where children are respected and valued. We are alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and follow our procedures to ensure that children receive effective support, protection and justice. Child protection forms part of safeguarding and promoting welfare. It refers to the activity that is undertaken to protect specific children who are suffering, or are likely to suffer, significant harm.

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Terminology

1. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

- protecting children from maltreatment;
- preventing impairment of children's health or development;
- ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and
- taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

2. Child Protection is a part of safeguarding and promoting welfare. It refers to the activity that is undertaken to protect specific children who are suffering, or are likely to suffer, significant harm.

3. Staff refers to all those working for or on behalf of the school, full or part time, temporary or permanent, in either a paid or voluntary capacity.

4. Child includes everyone under the age of 18.

5. Parents refers to birth parents and other adults who are in a parenting role, for example stepparents, foster carers and adoptive parents.