



St Gilbert's R.C. Primary School

Policy-Child Protection Sep 2014

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

OVERVIEW

The care and protection of children will have the highest importance for everyone in this school. Everything possible will be done to implement the Area Child Protection Committee Guidelines for Child Protection to keep children safe and to protect them from danger.

OBJECTIVES

1. To establish excellent and effective procedures for keeping children safe.
2. To put into place and follow the Area Child Protection Committee Guidelines for Child Protection.
3. To ensure that staff are trained and carry out their responsibilities well.
4. To ensure that there is a quick and effective response to any incident.
5. To identify any children who may be at risk quickly and take appropriate action.
6. To ensure coherence of good practice throughout the school and to assist in the smooth transition of learners to other schools.
7. To ensure good communication of information to all relevant staff.
8. To provide relevant information to various outside agencies when appropriate.

STRATEGIES

1. All staff will follow the procedures agreed with the LA as set out in the Area Child Protection Committee 'Guidelines for Child Protection'.
2. There is an appropriate 'nominated member of staff' who must be informed immediately of any concern and they will lead the school's response to any concern.
3. If there is any allegation made concerning the nominated member of staff, then a member of the school senior leadership team must be informed and they will assume the role of 'nominated member of staff' until the allegation is investigated and fully resolved.
4. If an allegation is made against the headteacher the nominated governor for dealing with such matters will liaise with the LA.
5. Detailed records will be kept at every stage.
6. Outside agencies will be fully involved at appropriate stages as set out in the 'Guidelines for Child Protection'.
7. All staff and governors will attend appropriate training and their training will be updated on a regular basis in line with the ACPC guidelines.

OUTCOMES

In this school all pupils will be safe. Children will be happy and enjoy their education. The protection of children is the responsibility of everyone in school and so all will be vigilant in their care of children. This school will be a place of safety where the welfare, care and protection of children is paramount. This policy will support and encourage their growth and development both in and out of school. It should be read in conjunction with the Policy for Safeguarding and Protecting Children, the Policy for Safe Recruitment and other key policies