



At Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School the health, safety and well-being of every child is our paramount concern.

We listen to our pupils and take seriously what they tell us. Our aim is for children to learn and enjoy their time as pupils in this school. We work in partnership with parents and carers to help children achieve their full potential and make a positive contribution to the world they will be a part of in the future.

To promote a safe environment for pupils, our selection and recruitment policy includes all checks on staff and regular volunteers' suitability, including Disclosure and Barring Service checks, as recommended by current legislation.

In accordance with our responsibilities under section 175/157 of the Education Act 2002, and "Keeping Children Safe in Education" September 2026, we have a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for Child Protection and additional DSLs, who are members of the senior management team, and have received appropriate training for this role. It is their responsibility to ensure that all staff in contact with children receive child protection awareness training on a regular basis.

Occasions do arise when our concern about a child requires us to consult other agencies. Whilst we would always aim to work in partnership with parents there may be exceptions to this when concerns are raised for the protection of a child.

On very rare occasions Social Care, whilst undertaking an investigation under S17 or S47 of the Children Act 1989, may want to speak to a child without parents' /carers' knowledge. This would be a decision made in collaboration with partner agencies and would only be done in situations where a child might be at immediate risk. To gain consent at this point may increase the level of risk to the child or cause evidence of a crime to be lost.

The procedures, which we follow, have been laid down by the Local Safeguarding Children's Board, and the school has adopted the STCAT Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy 2026 in line with this for the safety of all. If you want to know more about our procedures or policy, please speak to the headteacher. The Policy can be found on our website.

School contacts:

Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Gabrielle Somes
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Diane Shanley Mrs Lauren Conroy Mrs Jo Overton

Out of hours contacts:

Luton Social Care Emergencies (Adults & Children / EDT):	0300 300 8123 (evenings, weekends, and bank holidays)
NSPCC	0808 800 500

E-Safety Resource for Parents – Parent Info

The Government has launched a brand new website to support parents. The website has been developed with ParentZone and CEOP. Parent Info is a collection of articles, tips, expert advice and resources designed to help parents keep up with what their children are doing online. For example, the site currently includes information about staying safe on minecraft; mental health and building online resilience.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/>

Reporting Harmful Content

The RHC button is an asset of [SWGfL](#), a charity working internationally to ensure all benefit from technology, free from harm.

The button has been developed to offer anyone living in the UK a simple and convenient mechanism for gaining access to reporting routes for commonly used social networking sites, gaming platforms, apps and streaming services alongside trusted online safety advice, help and support. It also provides access to an online mechanism for reporting online harm to the RHC service for those over the age of 13 where an initial report has been made to industry but no action has been taken. RHC will review content in line with a sites' community standards and act in a mediatory capacity where content goes against these.

Children under 13 years of age are encouraged to tell an adult that they trust about what has happened and to ask for their help in reporting this going through our how we can help resource together.

[how we can help](#)

RHC also have advice and links to reporting routes for other online harms people may come across or face, such as impersonation, privacy violations and intimate image abuse.

The RHC button provides a gateway to the RHC reporting pages, an area of the RHC website offering:

- links to reporting routes on commonly used sites for [8 types](#) of online harm
- help, advice and support on what to do if experiencing or witnessing harm online
- signposting to industry partners reporting forms and the ability to report legal but harmful content directly to RHC for further investigation

Reporting to RHC

Reports can be made 24/7 through the online reporting forms and helpline practitioners will review and respond to reports within 72 hours between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

Reports can be made to RHC by anyone over the age of 13. SWGfL operates 3 helplines and to be sure you're getting the right support take a look at the [Helpline flowchart](#) to find out who can best support you.