**St Thomas of Canterbury**

**Catholic Primary School**

Being the best we can be

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**Safeguarding Statement**

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*Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility*

* *This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.*
* *We seek to provide a safe and happy environment for all children*
* *This means that we have a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and procedures in place.*
* *All staff (including supply staff, volunteers and governors) must ensure that they are aware of these procedures.*
* *Parents and carers are welcome to read the Policy on request.*
* *Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child’s welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with his/her parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child’s welfare.*

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| Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)*Mrs Esther Sharpe Assistant Headteacher* | Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)*Mrs Kate Carter**Headteacher* | Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)*Mrs Jo Scott**Home School Link Worker* | Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)*Mrs Sarah Simpson**Office Manager* | Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)*Mr Mark Jones* *Assistant Headteacher* | Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)*Mrs Caroline McNiff* *SENCO* |
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If you are concerned about a child’s welfare, please record your concern and any observations or conversation heard, and report to any of the above staff as soon as possible the same day.

There are proformas called ‘Recording Form for Safeguarding Concerns’ in the staffroom and the school office if you do not have access to CPOMS.

Do NOT conduct your own investigation. If your concerns relate to the actions or behaviour of a member of staff (which could suggest that she/he is unsuitable to work with children) then you should report this to Mrs Carter who will undertake the appropriate actions.

If the concern relates to the Headteacher, please report this to the CEO Xavier Catholic Education Trust, James Kibble j.kibble@xaviercet.org.uk