

St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Being the best we can be



Safeguarding Statement

Making **S=P+A+C+E** for learning

What we are about...



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

God's love is at the heart of our Catholic School family.

We show this in our respect, kindness and love for others and by treating other people as we wish to be treated ourselves.

We will encourage everyone to be the best that we can be.

OUR SCHOOL AIMS

To guide our children to grow in the love of God and build relationships that will enable them to make a positive contribution to the school and society.

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To develop an exciting, challenging and creative curriculum that produces confident and successful learners who are the best that they can be.

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To develop high quality learning that enables every child to flourish, to discover their talents and be lifelong learners.

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To establish a teaching and learning environment that encourages everyone to enjoy, to achieve, to be inclusive, to be healthy, and to stay safe.

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To nurture a strong partnership between home and school.

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To have respect and understanding for our school, our community and our world, helping our children to become responsible citizens and good role models.

OUR SHARED VISION

Every child at St Thomas of Canterbury is special and will achieve their full potential academically, socially, spiritually and emotionally through the provision of a loving community and rich and varied learning opportunities and the highest quality teaching and learning.

Every staff member at St Thomas of Canterbury will feel valued and enabled to provide the opportunities that we want for our children and to do so as part of a loving community which has the highest expectations of and for all.







Every Governor at St Thomas of Canterbury will feel valued and enabled to act as a critical friend to the School and to be accountable for the School's strategy. They will play a visible role supporting all children, their parents and staff at School and in the wider community, to provide the best environment possible for learning and spiritual growth.

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT 2023-24

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.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) are:

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)
<i>Mrs Esther Sharpe</i> Assistant Headteacher	<i>Mrs Kate Carter</i> Headteacher	<i>Mrs Jo Scott</i> Home School Link Worker	<i>Mrs Sarah Simpson</i> Operations Manager	<i>Mr Mark Jones</i> Assistant Headteacher	<i>Mrs Caroline McNiff</i> SENCO
					

If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please record your concern and any observations or conversation heard, and report to (insert names of DSL team) 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 Kate 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@xavercet.org.uk