



## St. Luke's Safeguarding Statement

At St. Luke's we believe that everyone has the right to be loved and accepted. Staff and Governors are concerned that all aspects of school life are fair and safe for children, staff, parents/carers and the wider community. To gain an accurate voice from the pupils we have a Justice Committee and respect and safety are always discussed as being 2-way relationships irrespective of age.

We have a range of policies in place and available on our website and in school that are designed to achieve a fair, safe and harmonious environment. Policies provide guidance on the acceptable standards of behaviour expected of all staff, governors, children and adult visitors to our school.

St. Luke's Primary School adheres the definition of safeguarding used in the [Children Act 2004](#) and in the Department for Education and Skills (now DfE) guidance documents [Working together to safeguard children](#) and [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#), to promote children's and our school communities' welfare.

**This can be summarised as:**

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's health or development
- Ensuring that children growing up with safe and effective care
- Undertaking that role to ensure children have optimum life chances

Our governing board supports the school by complying with the [Education Act 2002 \(section 175\)](#) and we keep up to date with guidance issued by the Secretary of State and LA. We have a nominated governor who works with our safeguarding team to stay regularly informed of information and to critically challenge school leadership.

We follow Education Department and local authority guidance on safeguarding children and safer recruitment to ensure we provide a safe environment and take action to identify and protect any children or members of our learning community who may be at risk of significant harm. We especially scope training around the document Keeping Children Safe in Education with its yearly updates.

We are an Operation Encompass school. Which involves working closely with the Police when they have been involved with a family. Please click on the link below for further information.

[Operation Encompass](#)

Through self-review and monitoring we promote safe practice and ensure that adults working with children receive the necessary training for their roles. We work in partnership with other agencies providing services for children and their families to promote their well-being.

## **Working together:**

We can only be successful in keeping children safe if staff and parents work together to ensure that children are able to voice their concerns. It is important that adults speak to their children about how they can keep safe, teach them how to behave appropriately, set rules and deal with challenging behaviour.

On this page we have a number of resources and links to other websites to help us all to access the appropriate support.

If you have any questions then please don't hesitate to contact the school and ask to speak to the DSL – Designated Safeguarding Lead which is the Headteacher. We may be able to help or direct you to get advice about keeping you and your children safe.

## Places to go for help and advice (click on the images)



### Information Booklet for Parents – Newham Local Charities and Services

- Directory listing available services and charities to support families with a range of difficulties.
- Advice on protection from food, resources & equipment, advice, information & advocacy and finances / money.

### Safeguarding Portal for Parents – Newham Local Safeguarding Children Board



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- Online portal designed for parents with simple, easy to follow practical advice about safeguarding.
- Advice on protection from grooming, abusive relationships, bullying, sexual exploitation, and inappropriate behaviour



#### e-Safety Portal for Parents and Schools – NSPCC

- Safeguarding, Online Safety, Exploitation etc
- Helpful advice and tools for parents and children.
- Help and resources for adults to educate and explain how to stay safe.



#### e-Safety Portal for Parents and Schools – by the Childline, CEOP and National Crime Agency.

- Supporting materials, activities and links to educate children and adults about E-safety.
- Guidance on how to deal with Child Exploitation and how to enhance online protection.



#### e-Safety Portal for Parents and Schools – by the Police, Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) centre.

- Multi-agency service dedicated to tackling the abuse and exploitation of children in the real and 'e' world.
- Referred to as an **online 999**.
- Advice on a range of issues such as viruses, hacking and dealing with bullying online.