

Support Services

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub
(M.A.S.H)

Professionals from different organisations work together in the MASH, including social care, police, early help and health. By working together, they can share and use information to help them decide on the best course of action in relation to concerns.

To contact MASH, visit—
www.nctrust.co.uk/report-a-concern-or-request-support/

Or call on
0300 126 7000



Any Concerns?

If you have any concerns about any member of our school community, or have questions about the information in this leaflet, please speak to any of the Safeguarding Leads or the Safeguarding Governor.

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Further Information

Please refer to our Child Protection Policy (available on the school website, or the school office)

www.stthomasmorekettering.co.uk

Additional guidance is available from:



**OUR LADY
IMMACULATE**
CATHOLIC ACADEMIES TRUST



Safeguarding Children

A Guide for Volunteers and Visitors

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Sophie Howes

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mr Andrew Tunn

Safeguarding Officers

Miss Giddings, Mrs Stanyon

Mrs Herbert



Safeguarding Governor — Mr Martin Flannigan



Safeguarding Children at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School



What to do if a child makes a disclosure to you...

If a child discloses something of a sensitive nature to you, you should:

- Listen to what is being said without displaying shock or disbelief
- Allow the child to talk freely
- Reassure the child, but not make promises which it might not be possible to keep
- Never promise a child that they will not tell anyone - as this may ultimately not be in the best interests of the child.
- Listen, only asking questions when necessary to clarify.
- Explain what has to be done next and who has to be told
- Log information with a member of staff.
- Pass the information to the Designated Senior Person without delay.

See the Safeguarding display for further information.

Protect yourself from Safeguarding concerns...

It is important that, when working with young children, you safeguard yourself and ensure that you do not put yourself in a vulnerable position.

- Be mindful of any physical contact you have with children.
- Maintain professional dialogue at all times.
- Do not use your mobile phone on school premises unless in designated times or safe places.
- Do not allow yourself to be left 1:1 with a child.
- If you are left alone, ensure the doors/blinds are left open. If they are closed—open them!
- If you feel uncomfortable about a situation, speak to a member of staff.

Tips for a successfully safe visit...

Are you wearing your visitors badge?

Please have it displayed at all times.

Ensure external doors are closed.



If you see a stranger around school not wearing a visitors badge or staff lanyard, direct them to the Office.

