Safeguarding Commitment Statement



Listening to the voices of children

'Jesus said: "Let the little come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs" MT18.

St Lucy's School is actively committed to fostering safe communities which recognise and uphold the dignity and rights of children and vulnerable adults and have zero tolerance for any abuse committed to them.

We encourage open communication whereby families and communities are informed of relevant issues and participate in decisions about the safety of children and vulnerable adults. It is important to us to seek ways that the voices of children and vulnerable adults are heard.

We actively seek to remain informed of the causes and signs of child abuse and neglect.

St Lucy's School has documented policies and procedures to prevent risks to children and vulnerable adults and maintains a strong culture of safeguarding and child protection. St Lucy's School staff are expected to follow these policies and procedures and contribute to the culture of care and protection of all children and vulnerable adults.

Anyone who brings forward a suspicion, concern, knowledge or allegation of current or past abuse of a student, to St Lucy's School, will be responded to sensitively, respectfully and in a timely manner, consistent with our legal obligations, Child Protection Policy and Procedures and our General Grievance and Complaints and Compliments Policy and Procedure.

St Lucy's School regularly undertakes internal and external auditing of our compliance with safeguarding/child protection policies and practices to ensure that they always support a culture that places the safety of children and vulnerable adults at the centre of our thinking and action.

For more information or to raise a concern, please contact:

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