

The Sir John Colfox Academy



Inspiring Learning, Achieving Excellence

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Commitment to Safeguarding and Child Protection

Dear Parents

At The Sir John Colfox Academy, we have a commitment to the safeguarding and protection of all children in our care.

To do this, we have a responsibility to consider the wellbeing of all children who attend this setting. This means that we are aware of the things we see and hear from children that might indicate the child is at risk of harm. In most situations, any matter of concern that is identified will be discussed with you as the parent or carer of the child. We recognise these can be difficult conversations to have but we will raise matters with you as we know the wellbeing and safety of your child is important. In the best interests of your child, we would hope that we can have an open and honest conversation, should the situation arise.

In certain circumstances, we will share these concerns in accordance with the Local Safeguarding Children's Board Procedures. This means we will contact the **CHAD (Children's Advice and Duty Service)** in West Dorset. They will make a decision as to whether the concern warrants further assessment or investigation. CHAD is the first point of contact with children's social work services.

In very rare circumstances and where children are seen to be at risk of immediate harm, we may contact CHAD without having spoken to you first and gained your agreement.

More detail of the safeguarding and child protection practices for The Sir John Colfox Academy is contained in our policy. A copy of this policy is available on our website or a copy can be made available to you upon request.

We feel it is important that you are aware of our commitment to safeguarding and child protection and what this may mean in practice.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs C Duffy
Deputy Headteacher and DSL.

Contacts in school in case of concerns

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs C Duffy, Deputy Headteacher KS3, after-school clubs (mixed), e-safety.

Deputy Safeguarding officers:

Ms L Webb, Deputy Headteacher KS4, after-school clubs (girls).

Mr G Farrow – Year 11, after-school clubs (boys).

Mrs S Chudley – Year 9, 10 and anti-bullying champion.

Mr N Bartlett – Year 7 and 8.

Mr B Glover/Mrs C Baker – Assistant Headteacher and SENCO/assistant SENCO.

Mr A Teasdale/Mrs T Smith – Assistant Headteacher Sixth Form/ Sixth Form support.

Pastoral support officers:

Ms M Birch

Mrs G Leat

Safeguarding governors:

Mr D Powell

Mrs T Davies

