

# Child Safeguarding Statement



Cardinal Pole Catholic School

Our organisation has completed a CHSCP Self-Assessment.



## Nature / Type of Organisation and Services Provided:

Cardinal Pole School is a well-established mixed 11-19 comprehensive school with a wealth of achievements and experience. We are a Catholic community with a long history of success, with state-of-the-art facilities. We are an educating community for all based on partnership and respect with the core principles of Service, Opportunity, Aspiration and Reward.

## Our commitment to safeguarding children:

Cardinal Pole Catholic School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the safety and welfare of all its pupils. We believe that:

- All children/young people have the right to be protected from harm, need to be safe, and to feel safe in school
- Children/young people need support which matches their individual needs, including those who may have experienced abuse, neglect or exploitation
- All children/young people have the right to speak freely and voice their values and beliefs
- All children/young people must be encouraged to respect each other's values and support each other
- All children/young people have the right to be supported to meet their emotional, and social needs as well as their educational needs – a happy healthy sociable child/young person will achieve better educationally

At Cardinal Pole we have a Safeguarding Team comprised of our DSL & three DSLs (min). There will always be a member of the Safeguarding Team available onsite to deal with any concerns or worries that may arise.

### Risk that children might face (1)

Risk of harm from child-on-child abuse, including bullying and sexual harassment.

#### How are we mitigating this risk? (1)

- Clear referral processes in school
- Staff/Pastoral team training
- PSHE programme and assemblies
- Internet filtering and monitoring software in place
- Student Voice/Student wellbeing surveys
- Parental workshops and feedback
- Liaising with childrens' social care and safer schools officer
- Behaviour Policy
- Clear pupil behaviour expectations

### Risk that children might face (2)

Risk of harm from staff, visitors (including contractors), and volunteers.

#### How are we mitigating this risk? (2)

- Clear signing-in procedures
- Safeguarding advice for visitors
- Safeguarding training for regular visitors
- DBS/ID checks where required
- Clear referral and follow up processes in school for staff complaints
- Staff Behaviour Policy
- Risk assessments where needed

### Risk that children might face (3)

Risk of harm from online abuse through social media and the internet.

#### How are we mitigating this risk? (3)

- Clear referral processes in school
- Staff/Pastoral team training
- PSHE programme and assemblies
- Internet filtering and monitoring software in place
- Student Voice/Student wellbeing surveys
- Parental workshops and feedback
- Liaising with childrens' social care and safer schools officer
- Behaviour Policy

### Risk that children might face (4)

Risk of harm from trips and visits.

#### How are we mitigating this risk? (4)

- Risk assessments for every trip
- Appropriate staff/pupil ratio
- Pre-visits from staff where necessary
- Senior leaders assigned to trips where necessary
- Clear trip management protocols

### Risk that children might face (5)

Risk of harm due to mental and emotional difficulties and challenges.

#### How are we mitigating this risk? (5)

- Clear referral & follow up processes in school
- Staff training/Parental workshops
- In-school counselling services & access to external external agencies, eg., CAMHS
- Safeguarding & Wellbeing Team/CAMHS Worker in school
- Education Mental Health Practitioner in school
- PSHE programme and assemblies
- Student wellbeing surveys
- Senior Mental Health Lead

**The following legislation, policies, procedures and guidance also support and inform our intention to safeguard children while they are accessing our service(s). These documents are available upon request.**

- The School's Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy
- The School's Online Safety Policy
- The School's Behaviour Policy
- The School's Relationships & Sex Education Policy
- The School's Safer Recruitment Policy
- The School's Self-Harm Policy
- Keeping Children Safe in Education
- Working Together to Safeguard Children
- Hackney Wellbeing Framework
- London Child Protection Procedures
- What to do if you are Worried a Child is Being Abused

The final draft of this safeguarding statement has been agreed for submission by the individual with overall responsibility for the organisation. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers. *Please confirm*



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