

TYLERS GREEN MIDDLE SCHOOL: SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

At Tylers Green Middle School, the safety, welfare and well-being of every child are our highest priority. We are committed to creating a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment where children feel secure, are listened to and know how to seek help.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. We expect all staff, governors, volunteers, visitors, contractors, parents and carers to share our commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

We maintain clear policies, procedures and staff training to help us:

- Identify and respond to concerns as early as possible;
- Protect children from abuse, neglect, exploitation and other harm, including harm occurring online;
- Support children's mental health, well-being, attendance and development;
- Respond appropriately to child-on-child abuse, bullying, harmful sexual behaviour and discrimination;
- Promote safe and responsible use of technology through our online safety policy, phone-free school day and guiding digital childhoods principles;
- Identify children who may be vulnerable to exploitation, radicalisation or other emerging risks.

Children are regularly reminded that they can speak to any trusted adult. Our Helping Hand, Time to Talk arrangements, safeguarding displays and Well-being Mentors help ensure that pupils know how to share worries and feel confident that they will be taken seriously.

Where we have concerns about a child, we may need to share information and work with other professionals, including Children's Social Care, health services and the police. We will normally discuss concerns with parents or carers unless doing so could place the child or another person at greater risk, prejudice an investigation or be contrary to the child's welfare. Data protection does not prevent appropriate information-sharing where this is necessary to safeguard a child.

TGMS SAFEGUARDING TEAM

- **Designated Safeguarding Lead:**
 - Mr Sam Isaacs – Headteacher
- **Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:**
 - Mrs Anna Campbell – Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion
 - Miss Rebecca Billingham – Assistant Headteacher for Teaching and Learning
 - Mrs Teresa Hall – Welfare Administrator
- **Named Safeguarding Governor:**
 - Mrs Elspeth Barlow
- **Safeguarding email:** safeguarding@tylersgreenmiddle.co.uk

Concerns should be reported as soon as possible. Urgent concerns must be shared directly with the Designated Safeguarding Lead or a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead rather than relying solely on email.

REPORTING A CONCERN OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Buckinghamshire First Response Team: 01296 383 962

Emergency Duty Team – outside office hours: 0800 999 7677

Immediate danger: call 999

These are Buckinghamshire Council's current contact numbers for concerns about a child.

Our full **Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy**, **Online Safety Policy** and other related policies are available on the school website.