

Online Safety -children are taught the correct way to access information on the Internet from an early years. They know how to report anything they see which they know is wrong.

Safer recruitment and selection – Governors and the school leaders ensure that all new staff and volunteers have a school DBS; rigorous checks and induction before working within school.

Prevent Duty - it is essential that staff are able to identify children who may be vulnerable to radicalisation and know what to do when they are identified. Protecting children from the risk of radicalisation is part of the school’s safeguarding duties, and is similar in nature to protecting children from other harms. Our school also builds pupils’ resilience to radicalisation by promoting fundamental British values and comprehensive personal development curriculum so that pupils have the skills to challenge extremist views.

Operation Encompass - is to safeguard and support children who have been involved in a domestic abuse incident. Following such an incident, children will often arrive at school distressed, upset and unprepared. Operation Encompass aims to ensure that appropriate school staff are made aware early enough to support children in a way that means that they feel safe and included.

The morning following an incident the Police contact and give the necessary information to a Key Adult in School. The staff are then in an informed position to support the child in a way that is right for that particular child, either with silent or overt support.

Further information can be found at <http://www.operationencompass.org/>

Complaints – if parents/carers have any complaints, the school staff will listen to your concerns and follow up any issues arising. The school is committed to working closely with parents/carers for the benefit of the children. Remember no problem is too small and can often be prevented from becoming a bigger issue. If you continue to feel an issue has not been resolved, then make arrangements to meet with the Headteacher, Mrs A.M. Sheppard, and she will try to resolve any problem. If you are still unhappy you could contact the Chair of Governors (Mr J. Duffy). Furthermore, complaints can then be made to Ofsted www.contact.ofsted.gov.uk/online-complaints-schools.

We all know that children thrive better and are able to reach their full potential when school and families work closely together. The staff at St. Basil’s Catholic Primary School are totally committed to this and we look forward to our continuing close partnership with you in the future.

Click below for:

[St Basil’s Catholic Primary School: Policies \(stbasilprimary.halton.sch.uk\)](http://stbasilprimary.halton.sch.uk)

[Keeping children safe in education 2024 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

ST. BASIL’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

‘Following Jesus we love, learn and succeed together’



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SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS



At St. Basil's Catholic Primary School we are committed to providing a nurturing, caring, inclusive and safe learning environment where pupils can thrive, are confident, happy and secure.

We recognise our responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all our pupils by protecting them from physical, sexual or emotional abuse, neglect and bullying in line with the DfE guidance set out in Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024 (KCSIE2024).

School policies are in place to ensure that there is a consistent approach to practices throughout the school and that they are adhered to by staff, Governors and volunteers.

St Basil's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share in this commitment.

Adults at St. Basil's Catholic Primary School:

- ❖ are good role models for children;
- ❖ enjoy their work and working with children;
- ❖ are conscientious and hard-working;
- ❖ recognise and value strengths in each other and use these to support everyone;
- ❖ work within that agreed policies and procedures of the school;
- ❖ promote a happy, caring and safe school;
- ❖ encourage children to think for themselves, ask questions and find answers;
- ❖ create an environment of trust;
- ❖ challenge and support children in their learning and in following the school rules.

There are numerous policies in place to safeguard our children which include:

Safeguarding and Child Protection – this is a key area in which all staff receive regular training. Here, school and other services for children and families all work together to support the needs of children.

The school has several trained Designated Leads for Safeguarding:

Mrs A.M. Sheppard (HT); Mrs J. O'Donnell (DHT); Miss R. Abbott (SENDCo/Teacher); Mrs K. Jones (SENDCo/Teacher); Mr C Hartley (teacher); Mrs N. Bond (Pastoral & Family Welfare Officer); Mrs H. McCabe (Attendance) and Mr J. Duffy (Pupil Welfare Governor).

If you have any safeguarding concerns, then please speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads.

There is also a Children's Safeguarding Policy which is shared with pupils and displayed around school.

Attendance – children's attendance and punctuality is strictly monitored on a daily basis. The school works closely with parents to improve attendance and where necessary the school's Education Welfare Officer, Jackie Burke.

We believe that every day and every lesson counts.

Behaviour – high standards of behaviour are expected in school. There are more details in our Relationship and Behaviour Policy. Children are expected to interact positively with others, follow the school rules and engage positively in learning. When things go wrong we also support pupils through restorative approaches.

Health and safety - everyone at St. Basil's Catholic Primary School knows that they have a responsibility to ensure children and adults are able to work in a healthy and safe environment. Checks are undertaken by Staff and Governors. There are termly fire drills.

The school has fully trained work place and paediatric first aid members of staff who deal with accidents when they occur.

Risk Assessments are carried out by staff prior to any off-site visits.

Curriculum – through the planned curriculum, we ensure that the issues of Relationships, Sex and Health Education including child on child abuse; mental and physical health and wellbeing (healthy eating and lifestyles); personal and online safety are taught. This aspect is enhanced by the many visitors to school and through annual programmes, such as: **Mini Police, Halton Healthy Schools, Crucial Crew, NSPCC Pants and Safety Central**

Security - we ensure your child is taught in a safe and secure environment in many ways, for example, by:

- ❖ having a secure, supervised playground which is fenced and the gates locked
- ❖ having one reception to the school building for visitors and ensuring all visitors sign in and out, and wear badges.



How parents and school can work together

Parents/carers are the most important people in keeping their children safe and you can support us in the following ways:

- ❖ Feel confident to raise concerns about your child.
- ❖ Talk to school if you need help or support.
- ❖ Read the school policies about safety issues.
- ❖ Let the school know if your child has any medical conditions.
- ❖ Share information relating to any court orders relating to the safety of your child.
- ❖ Keep school updated of any changes in your circumstances such as a house move, a new contact number, a change of name, a change of parental responsibility.
- ❖ Tell us who will be dropping off or collecting your child and your two emergency contacts. Please inform school if any changes to agreed arrangements.
- ❖ Contact school to let us know if your child is going to be absent and the reason why.