Long Ditton St Mary's Church of England (Aided) Junior School (LDSM)

Safeguarding Statement

Long Ditton St Mary's Junior School recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all pupils. We endeavour to provide a safe and welcoming environment where children are respected and valued. We are alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and follow our procedures to ensure that children receive effective support, protection and justice. Child protection forms part of the school's safeguarding responsibilities.

Key Personnel

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) at LDSM is the Headteacher, **Sarah Martin**

The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL) are **James Cooper, Sherry Barlow.and Laura Simpson**

The DSL and Deputy DSLs can be contacted via dsl@ldsm.co.uk
or via the school office: school@ldsm.co.uk or 020 8398 1070

The Co-Chairs of the Long Ditton Federation Governing Body are: **Mrs Rachel Cook and Mrs Kirsty Francis**
The Safeguarding Governor is: **Mrs Sam Hooke**

The Co-Chairs of governors and the safeguarding governor can be contacted via the school office or via chair@ldsm.co.uk or kfrancisgov@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

Long Ditton St Mary's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This means that we have a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and procedures in place which we refer to in our prospectus. All staff (including supply staff, volunteers and governors) must ensure that they are aware of these procedures. The School's Child Protection and Safeguarding policy is available on request and is available on the School website https://www.longdittonstmarysschool.co.uk/

If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please record your concern, and any observations or conversations heard, and report to one of the DSLs as soon as possible the same day. Do NOT conduct your own investigation.

If your concerns relate to the actions or behaviour of a member of staff (which could suggest that they are unsuitable to work with children) then you should report this to one of the DSLs in confidence, who will refer the matter to the Headteacher (or the Chair of Governors if the concern relates to the Headteacher) who will consider what action to take.

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