



Safeguarding and Child Protection at St George's Primary



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Protecting children in a club, sport or other activity

NSPCC

It's important to look for a club, sport or activity that takes the safety and wellbeing of your child seriously. Always check whether the club or organisation is accredited or otherwise affiliated to a body (e.g. a sports governing body or national voluntary sector or [faith organisation](#)) as this should mean they have the right safeguarding policies and procedures in place.

Even if they're accredited, there are some key things to look for to ensure they take children's safety seriously:

- A [welfare or child protection officer](#) you can contact about safeguarding or with any concerns.
- Clear procedures and processes for raising **complaints and concerns**.
- **Written standards of good practice** – like a [code of conduct or code of behaviour](#). This should outline the boundaries that staff and volunteers should respect when working with children and young people and should address things like discrimination and bullying and social media behaviour.
- Effective **consent and emergency processes**. You should receive a form asking for your consent to the activity, for your contact details, and any relevant medical information about your child from the club or organisation.
- A **safe recruitment process** for staff and volunteers, including [vetting](#). This means they have appropriate references, criminal records checks and the right technical qualifications for the activity.
- Staff and volunteers are **trained in safeguarding** (child protection). NSPCC Learning provides [information and online courses](#) if you work with children.
- Children and young people are suitably supervised (based on their age, ability, the activity and venue) by adults who are trained to care for them.
- The activity takes place in a **safe environment** – and there are separate changing areas for children and adults.

Worried about a Child?

If you're worried about a child or young person, you can contact the NSPCC Helpline for support and advice for free - call us on [0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000) or [contact us online](#).

Children can contact [Childline](#) on 0800 111 or online any time to get support themselves.

Internet Safety

What to do if a child has come to you and needs help

1. Communication with your child is essential. Talk to them and reassure them that they can always come to you if something upsets or worries them online.
2. Save the evidence wherever possible. You may be able to report what has happened to the online service being used when the incident occurred. Evidence may include screen shots taken on a laptop or mobile device, emails, texts or online conversation histories. If you do need to make a report, evidence gathered will make it easier to show exactly what has taken place.
3. Knowing who to report to is a really useful step to resolve many issues, so do familiarise yourself with the services available below. Depending on what has happened, it might be necessary to let your child's school know too.

Where to report online concerns or risks

Grooming or other illegal behaviour

If you want to report someone who is behaving suspiciously online towards a child, you should contact 999 if it is an emergency situation, or otherwise make a report to [CEOP](#), the Child Exploitation Online Protection Centre.

Criminal content online

If you see any criminal content online, you should report this to the [Internet Watch Foundation \(IWF\)](#). Criminal content in the UK includes child sexual abuse images, criminally obscene adult content, as well as non-photographic child sexual abuse images. Young people under 18 can report nude images or videos of themselves which have been shared online to [Childline](#).

Online content which incites hatred on the grounds of race, religion, disability and sexual orientation or transgender identity, should be reported to [True Vision](#), which tackles all forms of hate crime. True Vision will give you information on content which indicates hatred and how to report it.

Media content inappropriate for children

If you want to make a complaint about an advert, television or radio programme, film, newspaper, magazine, video game or other type of content online or offline, that you think is unsuitable for children, then [OFCOM](#) provide information on how to do this.

Getting help/advice

Many popular online services have some really useful help and advice areas, as well as ways to [report](#) and block content that is not allowed on the site (eg cyberbullying). You can also set up parental controls and restrict in-app purchases.



Child Friendly Safeguarding Policy

We have made some changes to our Child Friendly Safeguarding Policy. You can find our updated policy along with more information on Safeguarding at:

www.st-georges.lancs.sch.uk/page/?title=Safeguarding&pid=149