



St Chad's Catholic Primary

DSL Safeguarding Statement 2026

Safeguarding is at the heart of our Catholic school community. To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils, a trained Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), or Deputy DSL in their absence, will always be available on site during the school day to respond promptly to any safeguarding concerns and support children, families and staff.

Where the DSL is required to attend off-site training, meetings or educational visits, arrangements will be made to ensure that another appropriately trained DSL or Deputy DSL remains on site. The Headteacher will ensure appropriate safeguarding cover is always in place so that safeguarding support and decision-making remain immediately accessible throughout the school day.

In the event of any unforeseen circumstances where no DSL or Deputy DSL is physically present on site, a trained DSL will always be available by telephone to provide immediate advice, support and decision-making, with appropriate arrangements in place to attend the school if required.

During school holidays and the summer holiday period, Birmingham Children's Trust holds up-to-date contact details for all school DSLs, ensuring that safeguarding professionals can contact an appropriate member of the safeguarding team should any concerns arise outside of term time.