

Keeping Our Children Safe



At St Bernadette's we are committed to the safeguarding of all our children and ensuring their well-being. We believe that every child should be valued, safe and happy. We want to make sure that all of our pupils know this and are empowered to tell us if they are at risk of/or suffering harm.

All children and young people have the right to be treated with respect, to be listened to and to be protected from all forms of abuse.

All staff at St Bernadette's have a legal duty of care to help prevent the physical, sexual, emotional abuse and neglect of our pupils and we will report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.

We will also report any concerns that we may have that our pupils have been exposed to or are in danger of being exposed to FGM, CSE, extremist views or radicalisation. These are safeguarding issues which will be responded to in line with our Child Protection Policy and procedures. We are happy to provide guidance and support to parents/family members who have concerns around these issues. Further information can be found via the 'Wellbeing and Safety' pages on our school website and the Milton Keynes Safeguarding Children Board (MKSCB) website:

<http://www.stbernadetteschool.com> www.mkscb.org

Our school Child Protection Policy can also be accessed through the 'Policies' page of the school website



Discipline is not the same as punishment. Good discipline includes being a positive role model, setting a good example, using negotiation and compromise, instruction, providing boundaries, clear and consistent consequences, guidance, advice and helping your child set realistic goals.

Under UK law, it is against the law to use physical punishment on a child that causes marking or bruising, either by hitting or using an implement of any kind to inflict injury.

Please sign and date your agreement to the following two statements:

1. I, parent/guardian, understand the UK law regarding physical punishment and agree to abide by that law

.....(sign).....(print name).....(date)

2. I, parent/guardian, understand that the school staff have a legal duty to report concerns about the wellbeing or safety of my child.

.....(sign).....(print name).....(date)