#### St Francis Polish School

# Safeguarding Policy Statement

### Objective

To contribute to the personal safety of all children/young people attending John Paul II Polish Saturday School in Liverpool by promoting child protection awareness, good practice and sound procedures in all aspects of safeguarding.

### Policy statement

We at St Francis Polish School believe that children/young people have the right to be treated equally and to learn in a safe and friendly environment.

This policy is based on the following principles:

* the welfare of the child/young person is paramount
* all children/young people, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious beliefs and/or sexual identity, have the right to protection from abuse
* all suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately
* staff/volunteers are trained to understand the nature of abuse and to be alert to matters of concern
* all staff/volunteers working in this complementary/supplementary school have a duty to safeguard children and young people
* all staff/volunteers in this complementary/supplementary school have a responsibility to report concerns to the designated person with responsibility for child protection at the school, and/or to the school’s co-ordinator.

We aim to safeguard children/young people by:

* development and implementation of safeguarding policies and procedures including: child protection and health & safety policies and guidelines; a code of conduct for staff/volunteers, staff and volunteer procedures; complaints, whistleblowing and equal opportunity policies.
* sharing information about child protection and good practice with children/young people, parents and carers and staff/volunteers
* sharing information about concerns with agencies who need to know, and involving parents and children/young people appropriately
* following carefully the procedures for recruitment and selection of staff/volunteers
* providing effective management for staff/volunteers through support, supervision and training
* involving children, where appropriate, in the development and implementation of safeguarding policies and procedures
* reviewing our policy and good practice regularly.

The following designated person has been nominated by this complementary/supplementary school to refer allegations or suspicions of neglect or abuse to the statutory authorities.

**The designated person is: Sylwia Benet**

In the absence of the designated person, the matter should be brought to the attention of the

second designated person.

**The second designated person is: Marek Bednarz**

Children Services Careline: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Local Safeguarding Children Board:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

NSPCC Child Protection Helpline: 0808 800 5000

Childline: 0800 1111

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Police: 999 or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Policy statement agreed on behalf of the management committee**

Signed: Sylwia Benet

Date: 20. 04. 2022

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| **Date implemented:** | **Future review dates** | | | | | | |
| 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 |
| **Date reviewed** | 20.04.2022 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Date approved**  **by trustees** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

This policy statement should be read with the following John Paul II Polish Saturday School policies and procedures:

* **Child protection policy** including anti-bullying, internet safety
* **Equal opportunities policy** including recruitment and complaints procedures
* **Staff and volunteer policy** including induction, training, supervision, appraisal and whistleblowing procedures
* **Health & safety policy** including risk assessment and off-site procedures
* School **code of conduct**