



Dame Alice Owen's School
The Dame Alice Owen Foundation - 1613

SAFEGUARDING MISSION STATEMENT

Dame Alice Owen's School will:

- Establish and maintain an environment where students feel secure, are encouraged to talk to any adult in school, and are listened to and responded to when they have a worry or concern.
- Establish and maintain an environment where school staff and volunteers feel safe, are encouraged to talk and are listened to and responded to when they have concerns about the safety and well-being of a child.
- Ensure that students and families who have additional/unmet needs are supported appropriately. This could include referral to early help services or specialist services. Implement effective and age appropriate education that enables students to identify risk, act accordingly and seek support where necessary.
- Continue to foster a mindset among staff that 'it could happen here' and 'it could be happening to this student' where safeguarding is concerned..

Take every possible step to ensure that staff always act in the best interests of the child when concerns about their welfare arise.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead at Dame Alice Owen's School is:

Mrs Vicki Blackburn

The Designated Safeguarding Governor is:

Mr Gary Haigh (Chair of Governors)