



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 children feel secure, are encouraged to talk, 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 children know they can approach any trusted adult in school if they are worried, and that their concerns will be listened to and responded to.
- Ensure that children who have additional/unmet needs are supported appropriately. This could include referral to early help services or specialist services if they are a child in need or have been / are at risk of being abused and neglected.
- Consider how children may be taught about safeguarding, including online, through teaching and learning opportunities, as part of providing a broad and balanced curriculum.
- Continue to engender an attitude of 'it could happen here' and 'it could be happening to this child' where safeguarding is concerned amongst staff members.
- Do all it can to guarantee that when concerned about the welfare of a child, staff members always act in the interests of the child.

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

Ms Lauren Common (Assistant Headteacher)

The Designated Safeguarding Governor is:

Mr Gary Haigh (Chair of Governors)