



# Dame Alice Owen's School

## 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 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 when they have concerns about the safety and well-being of a child.
- Ensure children know that there are adults in the school whom they can approach if they are worried.
- 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' 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 is:

**Mrs Pam Perrett. Assistant Headteacher.**

The Designated Safeguarding Governor is:

**Mr. Gary Haigh**