

# Equal Protection from Assault Legislation



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Here in Scotland, we have legislation in place (Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Act) which protects children from **all forms of physical punishment** and gives them the same (equal) protection from assault as an adult. This includes smacking.

A parent / carer can be charged with assault in situations where they are / have been using physical chastisement against their child. When a child makes a disclosure in school related to being hit at home, it is our duty to report this, following our child protection guidelines.

More information can be found at the Scottish Government weblink: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/physical-punishment-and-discipline-of-children-how-the-law-is-changing/>

We know it can sometimes be difficult to cope with being a parent or carer. The Parent Club website (<https://www.parentclub.scot/articles/coping-with-being-a-parent>) has tips and advice to help parents.

If talking to someone might help, you can call Children 1st Parentline on **08000 28 22 33**. This is a free service.



## *St Peter's R.C Primary School*

### *Child protection and safeguarding information for parents / carers*



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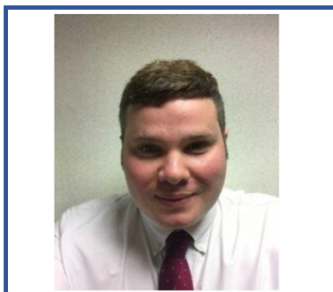
## Child Protection and Safeguarding at St Peter's School



Child protection is crucial, and it is essential that everyone understands the contribution they have to make in keeping all children and young people safe and protected from harm and abuse.

In school, should anything occur, it is our job to assess the situation then report and respond to concerns. We may have to phone the local authority's Joint Child Protection Team for advice. Following a discussion with them, we would then take the appropriate action that we are advised to take. This action can take many different forms, such as logging and monitoring, speaking to parents /carers or for more serious situations it may be that a meeting is called for professionals to explore concerns further.

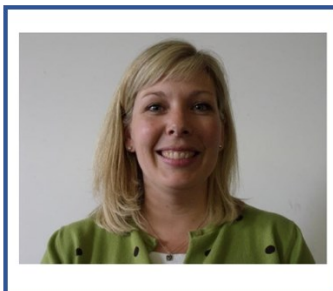
The designated safeguarding leads at St Peter's R.C. School are:



**Child Protection Co-ordinator**

Name: **Mr Liam Sturrock**

Role: **Head Teacher**



**Deputy Child Protection Co-ordinator**

Name: **Amy Bain**

Role: **Depute Head Teacher**

Our full school Child Protection and Safeguarding policy can be found at the following link: [https://st-peters.aberdeen.sch.uk/?attachment\\_id=16043](https://st-peters.aberdeen.sch.uk/?attachment_id=16043)

You can also use the QR code here to access our Child Protection and Safeguarding policy:



Child protection is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about the safety of a child in Aberdeen call:

- 0800 731 5520 (Social Work)
- 101 (Police Scotland) or 999 in an emergency

For all information relating to Child Protection please visit the Aberdeen Protects website: <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/aberdeen-protects>



We work closely in partnership with parents here in school. If you have a concern about your child (or a child protection / safeguarding concern for another child in our school), please make contact with the Head Teacher (Mr Liam Sturrock) to arrange a time to discuss.

We have access to support from a range of disciplines and can also signpost parents to appropriate supports.