***Safeguarding at St Laurence’s***

*‘St Laurence’s ensures children learn in a safe, caring and enriching environment. Children are taught how to keep themselves safe, to develop positive and healthy relationships, how to avoid situations where they might be at risk including by being exploited.*

*The school also has a statutory responsibility to share any concerns it might have about a child in need of protection with other agencies and in particular police, health and children’s services. Schools are not able to investigate child protection concerns but have a legal duty to refer them. In most instances the school will be able to inform the parents/carers of its need to make a referral. However, sometimes the school can in certain circumstances share information without the consent of the family and may be advised by children’s services or police that the parent/carer cannot be informed whilst they investigate the matter or make enquires. We understand the anxiety parents/carers understandably feel when they are not told about any concerns from the outset. The school follows legislation that aims to act in the interests of the child.*

*The school will always seek to work in partnership with parents and other agencies to ensure the best possible outcomes for the child and family’*

*If you have any concerns about a child please come and speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead Mr Cushion or Deputy Safeguarding Lead Miss Carroll. Outside of school hours you are also able to contact the Knowsley MASH on 0151-443 2600 to report or discuss concerns.*

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