# **The Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Yarmouth**

Keeping Parents informed

If you are worried or unsure that a child may be suffering, or have suffered harm, neglect or abuse please contact:

Hants Direct on 03003000117

Other useful information about keeping children safe can also be found at:

<http://www.iowscb.org.uk> Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children’s Board

<http://www.barnardos.org.uk> Barnardo’s

<https://www.iwight.com/wightchyps> The Isle of Wight Family Information Zone

[**I**sland Womens Refuge](https://www.iwight.com/wightchyps)Tel: 01983 825981

[Isle of Wight Foodbank](https://www.iwight.com/wightchyps) Tel: 01983 292040 Emergency food for local people in crisis

**Allegations Against People in a Position of Trust**
If you believe that a child has been harmed by a person in a position of trust, you should contact the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)
The LADO should be advised of all cases where it is alleged that a person who works with children has:
Behaved in a way that has harmed, or may have harmed, a child.

Possibly committed a criminal offence against, or related to, a child.

Behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicated s/he is unsuitable to work with children

LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer) **lado@iow.gov.uk** **Telephone: 01983 823723**

**Keeping Children Safe Online**
There are several ways to safeguard children. Undoubtedly the most effective way is to educate them from an early age about the risks they may encounter when online, what these risks are, how to spot them and what action to take.

* Set ground rules about the use of the internet, email and texts. They should learn to take responsibility for their own actions and develop their own judgement.
* Make children aware that online contacts may not be who they say they are
* Children should keep personal details private
* Ensure that they use a family email when filling in online forms
* They must never meet someone they have only met online without a trusted adult present
* Get your children to report concerns about conversations, messages and behaviours to you or another trusted adult. Encourage them to share their internet experience with you.
* Get children to report bullying online, by text or phone immediately to you
* Use parental control settings on your browser, search engine and internet security package
* Block pop-ups and spam emails
* Always sit with younger children when they are online
* Watch out for any unusual or secretive behaviour from your child when they are using the internet