



St Osmund's
CE Middle School
Hope · Community · Respect · Love

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer – Grade 8

St. Osmund's C.E. Middle School is an over-subscribed Middle School for Years 5 – 8, located in the thriving county town of Dorchester. The school is proudly part of the Wessex Multi Academy Trust and is Ofsted Good in all areas (2022). The school was recently SIAMS inspected and received a strong report (2026).

We are a Church of England School built upon the Christian values of hope, community, respect and love.

We are seeking a permanent Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer to start in September 2026, to work closely with and under the direction of the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead. The role is for 25 hours per week, term time only. Times and days can be discussed at interview.

The role will involve supporting our designated safeguarding lead with managing safeguarding in our school. This may include some or all of the following:

- Responsibility for safeguarding children and child protection (including online safety) ensuring that the school is meeting its legal statutory requirements as laid out in Keeping Children Safe in Education 2021.
- To be responsible for liaising with local statutory children's services and agencies and with the key local Safeguarding partners.
- Taking part in discussions and inter agency meetings to contribute to the assessment of children.
- To manage internal and external referrals.
- To provide support, advice, and guidance to other staff on child welfare, safeguarding and child protection matters.

The successful candidate will be expected to complete appropriate advanced / level three equivalent safeguarding training, if not already achieved.

At St. Osmund's C.E. Middle School we have:

- A Christian vision and values which underpin all our work,
- Pupils who are motivated and love their school,
- A safe school where young people and staff feel that they belong,
- First middle school nationally to become a **When the Adults Change Partner School**,
- A relationships policy which secures good behaviour for learning,
- A living and breathing celebration of diversity in all school life,
- Staff who work collaboratively to allow all pupils to achieve their potential, contributing positively to the world,
- Eco-Schools Green Flag (with Distinction)
- Fantastic resources, buildings and grounds which form a stimulating working environment,
- A happy school where a sense of humour is welcomed!

Closing date **Monday 15th June**, interviews to be held **Thursday 25th June**.

Visits to the school are encouraged, please call to make an appointment to arrange a time when the Head of School will tour you. Planned tours are taking place **Thursday 4th June @ 9am**.

An information pack can be found here: [Recruitment pack](#)

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Please email recruitment@stosmunds.wessex.ac for further details. Applications should be made via the Dorset Council Job portal.

CV's are not accepted.

St Osmund's values the diversity of our workforce and welcomes applications from all sectors of the community.

St Osmund's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people; this is a commitment which we expect all staff and volunteers to share. The successful candidate will be required to have an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check in line with the Governments safer recruitment guidelines.

The salary will be calculated pro rata and is based on the number of hours and weeks worked and paid annual leave entitlement for an employee under 5 years service. This role is UK based and your Right to Work will need to be established as part of the appointment process

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