

## Safeguarding at West Winds Primary School

At West Winds Primary School we have a responsibility for the care, welfare and safety of pupils who attend our school. We carry out this duty using our Safeguarding Policies which aim to provide a caring, supportive and safe environment, valuing individuals for their unique talents and abilities, in which all our young people can learn and develop to their full potential.

This policy is your shortened copy to keep at home, for you to be aware of the key features of our Safeguarding Policies. A detailed copy of our school Child Protection and Pastoral Care policies are available from the office.

### Our Safeguarding Team



#### Designated Teacher

#### Deputy Designated Teachers

#### Our Job:

- Promote a Safeguarding ethos within the school
- Discuss with pupils and staff their concerns and keep confidential records of discussions and action taken
- The Designated Teacher and Principal work together in making referrals to Social Services
- Ensure the Safeguarding Policies are up to date and put in place
- Report to the Board of Governors (Our Child Protection Governor is **Mrs Ally Matchett**)
- Training of Staff and Board of Governors in relation to Safeguarding practice in the school

#### Safeguarding Measures in school

- All entrance **doors are locked** at 9 o'clock, 2.10 pm and 3.10 pm. Children are **NOT** allowed to open these doors to visitors, even if they know the visitor.
- Visitors **MUST** report to the office where they will sign **the visitor's book** and be given **a visitor's pass**. They are asked to read a 'Code of Conduct' which outlines how they should behave in school.
- **Police checks** are carried out on ALL members of staff and regular visitors (regular being more than once a month)
- The children are aware that they can **talk** with their teacher or Miss Carson at any time if something is upsetting or troubling them. Parents and guardians can do the same.
- Child Protection **information boards** are placed at the side and main entrances of the school. Information displayed is for parents, pupils and staff with a poster of our Safeguarding strategies also being displayed in each classroom.

At West Winds Primary School, we recognise that **Child abuse** occurs when a child is neglected, harmed or not provided with proper care. Children may be abused in many settings, in a family or community setting, by those known to them, or by a stranger. There are different types of abuse and a child may suffer more than one of them.

**At all times, our main concern is the safety of the child.**

We recognise the following as forms of Child Abuse:

- **Physical** Abuse – deliberate physical injury to a child
- **Emotional** Abuse – persistent emotional ill treatment of a child
- **Sexual** Abuse – forcing or enticing a child to take part in sexual activities
- **Neglect** – persistent failure to meet a child’s physical, emotional and/or psychological needs

Our concern also lies with children who are witness to **Domestic Violence**. Domestic Violence is any incident of threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between adults who are or have been in a relationship together or between family members. Domestic violence has an enormous effect on children – on health, educational attainment and the emotional well-being and development of children.

**It is important to make children aware that violent behaviour towards them or around them is not acceptable and teach them how they can keep themselves safe.**

**The overriding concern of all caring adults must be the care, welfare and safety of the child, and the welfare of each child is our paramount consideration.**

Miss Carson – August 2016