

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT 2019

“Schools, colleges and other educational providers have a pivotal role to play in safeguarding children and promoting their welfare.”

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018

At St Bede's Catholic Primary School, there is nothing more important to us than the physical and emotional health and well-being of our pupils and staff alike. We recognise that everyday we are trusted with the most precious members of our families. As such we have created and work hard to maintain a climate in which staff, pupils, parents and governors feel able to articulate concerns comfortably; safe in the knowledge that effective action will be taken, as appropriate.

We are all committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

We have a number of policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment. (Refer to Safeguarding Policy for more information) We actively support the Government's Prevent Agenda to counter radicalism and extremism. We are also part of Operation Encompass, run by the police to report Domestic Abuse.

Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies, when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with parents/carers first, unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

- protecting children from maltreatment
- preventing impairment of children's and learners' health or development
- ensuring children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

Child Protection is a part of Safeguarding and promoting welfare. It refers to the activity that is undertaken to protect specific children who are suffering, or are likely to suffer, significant harm.

The school is committed to creating and maintaining a safe learning environment for children, identifying where there are child welfare concerns and taking action to address them, in partnership with families and other agencies.

<http://www.cheshirewestlscb.org.uk/>

and is in line with “Working Together to Safeguard Children” (2018)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2> and Keeping Children Safe in Education (2018)

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The school will also contribute through the curriculum by developing children's understanding, awareness and promoting their resilience in a safe environment.

In our school community any individual can contact the following if they have any safeguarding concerns:

Safeguarding Lead : Mrs A Jones

Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Ms L Conlon

Safeguarding Governor: Mr C Lawton