



SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

Longstone School recognises the important responsibility for Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of Children. Our policy applies to the whole of the school's workforce, along with volunteers, governors and any contractors working on the school site. In particular we ensure that all staff members have been appropriately checked for their suitability, using the Safer Recruitment procedures.

In addition we are committed to:

- Raising awareness of safeguarding issues and equipping children with the skills needed to keep them safe.
- Developing and implementing procedures for identifying and reporting cases, or suspected cases, of abuse.
- Supporting pupils who have been abused, in accordance with an agreed, child-centred plan.
- Establishing a safe and nurturing environment free from discrimination or bullying, where children can learn and develop happily.

We recognise that because of their day-to-day contact with children, school staff are ideally placed to observe the outward signs of abuse. Staff in schools will therefore:

- Report any inappropriate behaviour / activities to the designated child protection officer.
- Establish and maintain an environment where children feel secure, are encouraged to talk and are listened to.
- Ensure that children know that they can approach any adult in school if they are worried and they will receive a consistent, supportive response.
- Provide, within the PSHE curriculum, opportunities for children to develop the skills they need to recognise, and stay safe, from abuse.

The Designated Child Protection Officer is Mrs G. Harvey
The Deputy Designated Child Protection Officer is Mr J. Dowse