



# Safeguarding Statement

## Ethos

The School recognises the importance of providing an ethos and environment within school that will help children and young people to feel safe, secure and respected; encourage them to talk openly; and enable them to feel confident that they will be listened to.

## We are committed to:

Following legislation and guidance in relation to safeguarding children and young people.  
Ensuring that workers adhere to the agreed procedures of our safeguarding policy.  
Keeping up to date with national and local developments relating to safeguarding.  
Following any local authority guidelines in relation to safeguarding children and adults in need of protection.  
Supporting the safeguarding coordinator/s in their work and in any action they may need to take in order to protect children/vulnerable adults.  
Supporting, resourcing, training, monitoring and providing supervision to all those who undertake this work.

## The school adheres to the following safeguarding documents:

[Keeping Children Safe in Education \(2023\)](#)  
[Working Together to Safeguard Children \(2018\)](#)  
[Governance Handbook](#)  
[The Education Act 2002](#) (section 175/157) Section 175 of the Education Act 2002  
[The School Staffing \(England\) Regulations 2009](#)  
Part 3 of the schedule to the [Education \(Independent School Standards\) Regulations 2014](#)  
[The Children Act 1989 \(and 2004 amendment\)](#)  
[Sandwell Children's Safeguarding Partnership- Inter Agency Procedures](#)  
[Working Together to Safeguard Children - Working Together to Safeguard Children](#)  
[What to do if you're worried a child is being abused: advice for practitioners](#)  
[The Education \(Pupil Information\) \(England\) Regulations 2005](#)  
[Information sharing advice for safeguarding practitioners](#)  
[Mental Health and Behaviour in Schools: Departmental Advice](#)  
[Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act \(2015\)](#)  
[The Prevent Duty](#)  
[Section 5B of the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003](#)  
[The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974](#)  
[Schedule 4 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006](#)  
[Children and Social Work Act 2017](#)

## The school has a number of Safeguarding documents which are reviewed regularly.

### These are:

Child Protection/Safeguarding Policy	Behaviour Policy
Visitors' Safeguarding Procedures	Anti-bullying Policy
Health and Safety and Security Policy	Equality Policy
ICT Policies	Whistle-blowing Policy
Attendance and Punctuality Policy	Recruitment Policy

All staff receive annual Child Protection and Safeguarding update training and are aware of the procedures for passing on concerns within school. If any members of the school or local community have concerns about the welfare of a child in the school, please pass them on to the School Child Protection Team.

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