



## **Safeguarding Statement**

Westgate Community Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff, governors and volunteers to share this commitment. To achieve this commitment we ensure continuous development and improvement of robust child protection processes and procedures that promote a culture of keeping children safe.

We have a number of policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment, including our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy which can be viewed in the Policies section of our website. All adults who work in school have a responsibility to read and understand these policies.

The school practices 'safer recruitment' with regard to the suitability of all staff and volunteers who work in school.

The school must be a safe environment in which children thrive and develop. We listen to our pupils and take seriously what they tell us. All school staff are trained in Child Protection and children are made aware of the adults they can talk to if they have any concerns. Staff are trained to look out for signs of harm or neglect and are required to report these to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

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 their parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

We actively support the Government's Prevent Agenda to counter radicalism and extremism.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mr Marsh

Alternate DSLs are Mrs Kidd and Mrs Spencer

All members of the safeguarding team can be contacted via the School Office.