



LEA ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

At Lea Endowed CE Primary School, the Health, Safety and Wellbeing of every child is our paramount concern. We listen to our children and take seriously what they tell us. Our aim is that children will enjoy their time as pupils in this school. We want to work in partnership with you to help your child to flourish and achieve their full God given potential.

Lea Endowed is a school family and all those directly connected (staff, governors, parents, carers, families and pupils) have an essential role to play in making it safe and secure. At Lea Endowed, we recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all our children.

We recognise the importance of providing an ethos and environment within school that will help children 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 alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and follow our procedures to ensure that children receive effective support, protection and justice.

Our School Core Safeguarding Principles are:

- It is a **WHOLE SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITY** to safeguard and promote the welfare of children as its paramount concern.
- That schools are an important part of the wider safeguarding system for children.
- All children (defined as those up to the age of 18) regardless of age, gender, ability, culture, race, language, religion or sexual identity, have equal rights to protection.
- All children have a right to be heard and to have their wishes and feelings taken into account.
- All staff understand safe professional practice and adhere to our code of conduct and other associated policies.
- All staff have a responsibility to recognise vulnerability in children and act on any concern in accordance with this guidance.
- To promote a safe environment for pupils, our selection and recruitment policy includes all checks on staff and regular volunteers' suitability, including DBS checks, in accordance with current legislation.

In accordance with our responsibilities, we have Designated Safeguarding Leaders (DSLs) for Child Protection (Mrs Seagrave and Mrs Bolton), who have received appropriate training for this role. It is their responsibility to ensure that all staff in contact with children receive Safeguarding/Child Protection training on a regular basis.

On occasions our concern about a child may mean that we must consult other agencies. Unless it is not safe for a child, we would always aim to achieve a parent's consent.

The procedures, which we follow, have been laid down by **the Local Safeguarding Children's Board**, and the school has adopted a Child Protection Policy in line with this, for the safety of all. If you want to know more about our procedures, please speak to one of the DSLs.

Our school is part of **Operation Encompass** which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse. This allows the DSLs to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right. Experiencing Domestic Abuse includes both seeing and /or hearing Domestic Abuse taking place.

Please also see our **Offer of Early Help**, also available on the school website, under our Safeguarding tab.

If you have any concerns or queries, please contact school in the usual ways:

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