

#### Feltonfleet School

#### Recruitment Documents

### **Child Protection Statement**

# What is child protection?

Feltonfleet School recognises that most children grow up in families where they are loved and well cared for. However, this is not the case for all children some of whom may suffer from physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect. Child Protection is when an agency or individual sets out to protect children from harm.

### Why do we protect children?

We believe that children have a right to be protected from abuse and that in these matters the safety and best interests of the child must come first.

### How do we protect children?

Feltonfleet's Child Protection policy states that if anyone believes that a child is being abused or is at risk of being abused they should inform the school's Child Protection Liaison Officer who will then discuss the issue and decide what action to take. It is important to note that this is how we all can protect children and it is not a way of getting parents or teachers into trouble.

As one means of protecting the children in our care, rigorous checking of those working at the school are undertaken before appointment.

## Who is involved with a child protection incident?

Anyone who has a concern about any child should discuss the issue with the School's Child Protection Liaison Officer. He or she will then decide on which other individuals or agencies might become involved.

#### Will confidentiality be observed?

Information on a child will only be shared with those people who need to know or who are involved in protecting the child, in accordance with the School's Confidentiality Policy.

February 2016