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**Trust and Governor Safeguarding Statement**

Reviewed November 2017 - next review July 2018

The trust and governing bodies recognise their responsibility under section 175 of the Education Act 2002 to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. We are committed to working with other organisations and agencies to ensure good arrangements within the schools to identify assess and support those children who are suffering harm or at risk of harm.

The principles on which our policies are based apply to all trustees, governors, staff, volunteers, external agencies or companies working in or with the school. We ensure that the following key elements are in place:

* a secure environment, for on-site and off-site school activities, in which children can feel safe, learn, develop and thrive;
* strong systems and procedures for early intervention including on-site access to social work professionals;
* ‘resilience’ programmes to help children and adults build the confidence and emotional resilience to deal with adversity;
* safe recruitment in checking the suitability of staff and other adults who work with the children;
* we raise awareness of safeguarding issues and equip children with the knowledge and skills they need to keep themselves safe;
* procedures for identifying and supporting cases, or suspected cases of abuse;
* support for children who are subject to neglect or abuse and contributions to child protection plans;
* the school community and all visitors to the school are made aware of our commitment to safeguarding;
* regular reviews of our safeguarding policies and procedures to ensure they are fit for purpose.