

## **MANOR MEAD SCHOOL AND WALTON LEIGH SCHOOL**

### **Safeguarding Children: Child Protection Policy Statement**

Through this Child Protection Policy we are supporting these aims of the schools:

- To provide a safe and secure environment for our pupils where learning is enjoyable and challenges can be met and overcome
- To work in partnership with parents so we may support each other to the benefit of the child
- To work closely with other professionals to support children and their families
- To enable each child to develop a sense of high self-esteem
- To promote respect of others regardless of race, culture, religious beliefs, gender or disability.

#### **Responsibilities**

##### Governors

The Governing Body recognises its responsibility under Section 175 of the Education Act 2002:

- To safeguard and promote the welfare of children; and to work together with other agencies to ensure there are adequate procedures in school to identify, assess and support those children who are suffering harm.
- To ensure that all staff have received the level of training they need in the area of Child Protection.
- To ensure that all adults who have substantial access to the children in school have been checked for their suitability e.g. Disclosure and Barring Service checks. Any staff member who is found not to be suitable to work with children will be notified to the appropriate bodies. Clearance is not required for students and volunteers who are not given 'substantial unsupervised access on a sustained or regular basis' to pupils.
- When letting the schools for use by other parties, the Governors take responsibility for checking the suitability of the individual or organisation for their suitability of working with children and ensure that similar checks are carried out by the person or organisation who is using the school premises

##### Designated Safeguarding Lead

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), who is the Head teacher, makes sure that all concerns are addressed following the agreed procedures and works with other agencies as appropriate.

##### All adults

All adults working in the schools have a part to play in protecting pupils from harm by reporting any concerns they have about a child's welfare in accordance with the school procedures.

#### **Keeping Children Safe in Education**

The schools follows the guidance 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' 2016. Systems are in place which are designed to:

- Prevent unsuitable people working with children and young people
- Promote safe practice and challenge poor and unsafe practice
- Identify instances in which there are grounds for concern about a child's welfare, and initiate or take appropriate action to keep them safe
- Contribute to effective partnership working between all those involved with providing services for children and young people.