

## The Wren School Safeguarding Statement

The Wren School takes seriously its responsibility to protect and safeguard the welfare of the students in its care, because "the welfare of the child is paramount" (Children Act 1989).

The Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy recognises the significant role played by school staff in supporting vulnerable students. "Because of their day to day contact with individual children during the school terms, teachers and other school staff are particularly well placed to observe the outward signs of abuse, changes in behaviour or failure to develop" (Working Together under the Children Act 1989.)

This policy applies to all students, staff, governors, volunteers and visitors to The Wren School, which recognises it is responsible for making referrals and not enquiries or investigations. All of the aforementioned people have a duty to report any safeguarding concerns to the school's designated person, who is the headteacher.