SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IN EDUCATION

POLICY STATEMENT

At St. Thomas of Canterbury Church of England (Voluntary Aided) Primary School we believe that *everybody* involved in the education service must share an objective to help keep children and young people safe by contributing to:

- Providing a safe environment for children and young people to learn in education settings; and
- Identifying children and young people who are suffering or likely to suffer significant harm, and taking appropriate action with the aim of making sure they are kept safe both at home and at school.

In order to achieve these objectives, we enforce rigorous systems 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/ take appropriate action to keep them safe;
- Contribute to effective partnership working between all those involved with providing services for children.

The school is fully aware of the principles behind 'Safeguarding Children in Education' and 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' and has a Child Protection Policy fully implemented within daily practice.

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