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### **Safeguarding Statement**

Sutton on the Forest Church of England Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

We have a number of policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment, including our Child Protection Policy which can be viewed in the Policies section of our website.

Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with his/her parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

#### **We will seek to keep children and young people safe by:**

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  - **Valuing, listening to, and respecting them:** Creating an environment where children feel safe to speak up, including about worries regarding their peers (child-on-child abuse).
  - **Appointing a nominated child protection lead:** Ensuring a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), a deputy, and a lead governor for safeguarding are in place and appropriately trained.
  - **Adopting best practice:** adhering to *Keeping Children Safe in Education* and *Working Together to Safeguard Children* through our policies, procedures, and code of conduct.
  - **Online Safety & Technology:** Developing and implementing an effective online safety policy that includes robust filtering and monitoring arrangements. We educate pupils to recognise and manage online risks, including misinformation, disinformation, and conspiracy theories.
  - **Promoting Attendance:** Recognising that good attendance is a protective factor and working with families to support children who are absent or missing education.
  - **Providing effective management:** Supporting staff and volunteers through supervision, training, and quality assurance measures so that all adults know about and follow our policies, procedures, and behaviour codes confidently and competently.
  - **Recording, storing, and using information:** Professionally and securely, in line with data protection legislation.
  - **Building a safeguarding culture** where staff and volunteers, children, young people and their families, treat each other with respect and are comfortable about sharing concerns.
  - **Recruiting and selecting** staff and volunteers safely, ensuring all necessary checks are made

#### **Prevent Statement**

On 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 the Prevent duty (section 26) of The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 came into force. This duty places the responsibility on local authorities and schools to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

Sutton on the Forest Church of England Primary School is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all its pupils. As a school we recognise that safeguarding against radicalisation is as important as safeguarding against any other vulnerability.

All staff are expected to uphold and promote the fundamental principles of British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. We believe that children should be given the opportunity to explore diversity and

understand Britain as a multi-cultural society; everyone should be treated with respect whatever their race, gender, sexuality, religious belief, special need, or disability.

As part of our commitment to safeguarding and child protection we fully support the government's Prevent Strategy.

### **Operation Encompass**

Sutton on the Forest Church of England Primary School is part of Operation Encompass which is a project that runs jointly between all schools, academies and colleges in North Yorkshire and North Yorkshire Police.

Operation Encompass has been designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that occur outside of normal school hours and that might have had an impact on a child attending our premises the following day. This information will be shared at the earliest opportunity between Monday to Thursday and, when an incident occurs on a Friday, Saturday or a Sunday, the police will contact school the following Monday.

The Headteacher will receive awareness training to enable them to liaise with the police - they will be identified as a key adult. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that our school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children or their families. Information will be shared where it is identified that a child or young person was present, witnessed or was involved in a domestic abuse incident.

### **Parents and Carers**

The Governing Body and Headteacher, strongly believe that our school should be a welcoming and safe place for our children, staff, parents and visitors alike and that our parents share that belief. We have legal responsibilities for the safeguarding and wellbeing of children and staff, and a duty of care to all users of our school.

All adults who enter our school site at any time set examples of behaviour and conduct which influence children and young people and we believe that they should therefore demonstrate high standards of conduct in order to encourage our pupils to do the same. Parents and carers must show respect to all other parents and carers, children and staff.

Adults who do not behave in an acceptable manner may be asked to leave the site and the Headteacher has the right to further restrict their access. The process for restriction of access in relation to parents and carers who have reason to come on to the school site is set out in our Access Restriction Procedure.

Behaviour which is regarded as unacceptable includes:

- Physical abuse, threatening, oppressive or aggressive behaviour or use of offensive language towards other adults, staff or children
- Entering the school site under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Smoking anywhere on the school site (this includes e-cigarettes)
- Bringing dogs, except for Assistance Dogs, on to the school site without the explicit permission of the Headteacher

School-related issues which parents or carers have concerning school, pupils or their families must be brought to the attention of a member of staff. Parents or carers must not try to resolve any issues themselves by direct action on site. If issues cannot be successfully resolved by speaking to a staff member, parents and carers correct course of action is to use our Complaints Procedure as appropriate. We expect all communication between parents and school to be conducted in a polite and respectful manner. Communication may be similarly restricted if it becomes unacceptable

## Supporting documents

This statement should be read alongside our organisational policies, procedures, guidance, and other related documents:

- Role description for the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
- Child Protection Policy (including dealing with disclosures and child-on-child abuse)
- Managing allegations against staff and volunteers (including Low-Level Concerns)
- Recording concerns and information sharing
- Child protection records retention and storage
- Code of Conduct for staff and volunteers
- Behaviour codes for children and young people
- Photography and sharing images guidance
- Safer recruitment
- Online Safety (including Filtering & Monitoring)
- Anti-bullying
- Attendance Policy
- Managing complaints
- Whistleblowing
- Health and Safety

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