**Child Protection Statement**

Our school is committed to safeguarding children and promoting children’s welfare and expects all staff, governors, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment and maintain a vigilant and safe environment.

**Everyone** has a **responsibility to act**, without delay, to protect children by reporting anything that might suggest a child is being abused or neglected.

It is our willingness to work safely and challenge inappropriate behaviours that underpins this commitment.

The school seeks to work in partnership with families and other agencies to improve the outcomes for children who are vulnerable or in need.

*‘Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is* ***everyone’s*** *responsibility.* ***Everyone*** *who comes into contact with children and their families and carers has a role to play. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all professionals should make sure their approach is child-centred. This means that they should consider, at all times, what is in the* ***best interests*** *of the child.’ (DFE 2021)*

