

Safeguarding – Keeping Children Healthy and Safe from Harm

We would like to share with you school practices which ensure that children are encouraged to live healthy lifestyles and adopt safe practices.

Policies are in place to enable a consistent approach to practices throughout the School. Adults have a tremendous impact on young children and, with this in mind, adults at Anfield:

- are good role models for children
- enjoy their work and working with children
- are conscientious and hard-working
- welcome and support visitors to school
- recognise and value strengths in each other and use these to support everyone
- work within agreed policies of the School
- promote a happy, caring and safe school
- encourage children to think for themselves, ask questions and find answers
- create an environment of trust whereby children are trusted to work seriously
- challenge and support children in their learning.

There are numerous policies in place to safeguard our children and they include:

- **Child Protection** – this is sensitive area in which all staff receive regular training. The School and other services for children and families all work together to support the needs of our children. There is a named governor for child protection and the child protection policy can be viewed on the School website.
- **Attendance** – children’s attendance at school is monitored on a daily basis, and notable absences or patterns of absences are followed up. The School prides itself on its very good attendance figures.
- **Behaviour** – high standards of behaviour are expected in school. However, as we all know children do fall out from time to time. Where this is the case, it is dealt with sensitively by an adult who gives both children time to explain what the problem is and helps the issue to be resolved. Children are often reminded about our school rules and they know that we have them in order for everyone to be happy and keep safe.
- **Health and Safety** - everyone here knows they have a responsibility to ensure children and adults are able to work in a healthy and safe environment. The School has several fully trained first aid members of staff who deal with accidents should they occur.
- **Curriculum** – through the planned curriculum we ensure that the issues of healthy eating, physical exercise and safety are taught across all year groups.
- **Safer Recruitment and Selection** – this aspect is taken very seriously. We ensure that all staff new to the School undertake criminal checks and full references are acquired before the person takes up post. Safeguarding of pupils, staff and visitors is made a major part of every member of staff’s induction programme. Any issues regarding safeguarding are taken very seriously and will lead to instant suspension if there is any concern regarding any child’s safety.
- **Complaints** – should parents have any complaints, the School staff will listen to your concerns and follow up any issues. We are committed to working closely with parents/carers for the benefit of the children. Remember, no problem is too small and can often be prevented from becoming a bigger issue.

We all know that children thrive and are able to reach their full potential when the School and families work closely together. All of us at Anfield are totally committed to this and we look forward to our continuing close partnership with you in the future.