

***“No single professional can have a full picture of a child’s need and circumstances and, if children and families are to receive the right help at the right time, everyone who comes into contact with them has a role to play in identifying concerns, sharing information and taking prompt action.”***

**(Working Together to Safeguard Children, HM Government 2013)**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Vicarage Park CE Primary School is committed to ensuring all children are safeguarded and that pupil welfare is paramount. As a consequence Vicarage Park Primary School will:

- ◆ Establish and maintain an ethos where children feel secure and are listened to with an open and positive school atmosphere.
- ◆ Ensure that children know that there are adults in school who they can approach if they are worried or in difficulty.
- ◆ Include in the Curriculum activities and opportunities for PHSE, Drugs Education and ‘Circle Time’ which equip children with the skills they need to stay safe from abuse.

- ◆ Will make any referrals necessary to ensure the well being of a pupil is safeguarded.
- ◆ Ensure that children’s identities and images are protected with regard to published information on the school, particularly on web sites and in the media.
- ◆ Ensure that the school is always a safe environment

In addition the school will fully comply with national and local statutory duties and guidance. At Vicarage Park CE Primary School we adhere to Cumbria’s Local Safeguarding Children’s Board (LSCB) procedures:

<https://cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk/>



### **ROLE OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

Safeguarding children is a collective responsibility for the whole of the Governing Body. Every school should have a **Nominated Governor** for Safeguarding/Child Protection, in this school it is: **Mrs Shelagh Hughes-Governor**

The Designated Person is: **Mrs Katie Green** and in her absence: **Mrs Natalie Evans**.

The Safeguarding Team are subject to the school’s safeguarding Training Plan to ensure their knowledge and experience is current.

The **Education Act 2002**: Section 175 sect ii) states that:

*“The Governing Body of a maintained school shall make arrangements for ensuring that their functions relating to the conduct of the school are exercised with a view to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children who are pupils at the school.”*

**...Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility -  
Help us to keep all our children safe....**

