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Dear Parents/Carers

**Keeping children safe in school**

We are constantly reviewing the policies and practice we have in school to make sure that we are keeping your children as safe as possible. This letter is to outline what safeguarding your children means and what you should do, or who you can contact if you have a concern.

**Keeping your child safe in school means ...**

- The health and safety of all children;
- Making sure that all adults who work and volunteer in school have undergone safety and security checks;
- Protecting children from deliberate harm;
- Zero tolerance of bullying;
- Zero tolerance of any racist behaviour or language;
- Protecting children from harassment, exploitation and discrimination;
- Meeting the needs of children with ongoing medical problems;
- Providing First Aid when necessary;
- Protecting and educating children about drug and substance misuse;
- Children enjoying safe educational visits;
- Caring for the personal needs of our younger children;
- Keeping children safe when they use the internet (eSafety);
- Making sure our school premises are safe and secure.

Alongside this letter is a chart that makes it clear who to contact in school if you have a concern (policies for these areas are available on the school website).

If you are concerned about the safety or welfare of any child, please don't hesitate to come and see myself, Mrs Jopling or Mrs Taylor. Confidentiality will be kept as far as possible at all times,

Yours sincerely

Mrs Julie Allen  
Headteacher

