



# Heartwood CE VC Primary and Nursery School

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## SAFEGUARDING AT HEARTWOOD CE VC PRIMARY

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Providing a happy, comfortable, productive and, above all, safe and secure environment for pupils to thrive in is at the forefront of all we do at **Heartwood CE VC Primary & Nursery School**.

As a school we have a legal duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, and at our school we take this responsibility seriously.

All staff and volunteers are vetted and receive regular safeguarding training helping them to play their part in **keeping pupils safe and protected from harm**.

The person who leads on safeguarding pupils is called the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). **The DSL for our school is Mrs Emily McMillen**. We also have three alternate DSLs who are Mrs Rebecca Starman, Mrs Leonie Cunnington and Miss Carrie Fisher. They support staff and pupils with any safeguarding issues.

Being safe within the school grounds and creating a safe environment is a responsibility for **all** staff, governors and parents. All staff and governors have read and follow the Safeguarding Policy (incorporating Child Protection) to make sure we have a consistent approach.

Copies of this policy are available on our website or in paper form upon request from the school office.

As part of our school safeguarding procedures, our curriculum covers different aspects of keeping safe aiming to equip our children with the understanding of what behaviour is acceptable and what is unacceptable as well as knowing how to deal with these situations.

This includes but is not exclusive to:

- RSHE (life skills) curriculum
- NSPCC 'Pants' work
- Online Safety
- Thrive
- Social and emotional support

Please encourage your child to talk to you about their learning around safeguarding in school.

Although much of the teaching around safeguarding is through discrete lessons, our school ethos, curriculum and policies ensures that we integrate safeguarding into everything we do.

Should you ever have any concerns or queries around safeguarding, then you can contact Mrs McMillen by email ([head@heartwood.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:head@heartwood.norfolk.sch.uk)) or telephone 01760 721357.

Yours,

**Mrs Emily McMillen**

Designated Safeguarding Lead and Headteacher