

ASHILL VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Safeguarding is the highest priority for our school community, and the governing board has a statutory responsibility to ensure that the school's safeguarding arrangements are robust, compliant, and effective. We want to take this opportunity to outline the role we play in this area and to offer reassurance about the support we provide.

As a governing board, we:

- Ensure the school is meeting all statutory safeguarding duties, including those set out in Keeping Children Safe in Education.
- Review the school's safeguarding policies annually and monitor their implementation throughout the year.
- Receive regular safeguarding updates from the Headteacher, including information about training, safer recruitment, risk assessments, and any changes in guidance.
- Challenge and support school leaders to ensure that safeguarding procedures are consistently followed and that any concerns are managed appropriately through the correct channels.
- Monitor that staff receive up-to-date safeguarding training and that systems for reporting and recording concerns are effective.
- Work closely with the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and ensure that the school engages with external safeguarding partners where required.

We are aware that concerns can sometimes circulate within the wider community. While we cannot comment on individual situations or on discussions taking place on social media, we want to reassure you that the governing board maintains strong oversight of safeguarding practice. Based on the information and evidence presented to us through our monitoring and challenge, we are satisfied that the school's safeguarding processes are robust and that appropriate risk assessments and procedures are in place.

If parents or carers have safeguarding concerns, we encourage you to raise them directly with the school so they can be addressed through the proper channels.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe.

The Governing Board