Safeguarding
Definitions

'**Safeguarding is not just about protecting children, learners and vulnerable adults from deliberate harm, neglect and failure to act. It relates to broader aspects of care and education'**

Ofsted: Inspecting Safeguarding in Early Years, Education and Skills Settings 2021

Safeguarding is defined as:

- Protecting children from maltreatment

- Preventing the impairment of children's mental and physical health or development

- Ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care

- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

Child Protection is an aspect of safeguarding, but is focused on how we respond to children who have been significantly harmed or are at risk of significant harm.

Staff applies to all those working for or on behalf of the school, full time or part time, in either a paid or voluntary capacity. This also includes governors.

Child refers to all young people who have not yet reached their 18th birthday or Looked After Children and SEND young people who have not yet reached their 25th birthday. Our Safeguarding Policy also extends to visiting children and students from other establishments.

Parent refers to birth parents and other adults in a parenting role for example adoptive parents, step-parents, guardians and foster carers.

Abuse could mean neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse or any combination of these.

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