

## **Safeguarding Information for Parents and Carers**

As stated in the statutory guidance **Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE Sept 2016)** all schools and colleges are an important part of the wider safeguarding system for children, and everyone who comes into contact with children, and their families and carers, has a role to play in Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of Children.

### **Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**

At Fearn's our priority is to provide a safe and welcoming environment, where all children are respected and valued. We have a statutory commitment to work in a **child-centred approach** around Child Protection and Safeguarding, and consider at all times what is in the **best interest of the child.**

If we are concerned that your child may be at risk of harm we must follow the procedures in our Child Protection Policy. You will find the policy on our school website. Alternatively you are also welcome to come into school or request a copy be sent to you.

These procedures are in place to protect pupils, support families and staff, and ensure that we comply with our statutory responsibilities.

### **The welfare of the child is always our most important consideration.**

**We will always seek to work collaboratively with families.** We will share our concerns with parents and carers and try to work together to get the right support in place to improve the situation. In some circumstance we may need to make a referral without the knowledge or consent of the parents or carers. We will only do this if we feel that it is the best way to protect your child.

It is also a statutory requirement for us to identify when a child or family may benefit from **Early Help** and do what we can to help and provide support as soon as a problem emerges in a child's life. We strive to identify if a student may benefit from early help as it can be an effective way of preventing problems or difficulties escalating.

If you have any questions or concerns, would like further information around Child Protection and Safeguarding at Fearn's, or want to talk about how we may be able to help, please get in touch with:

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