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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to share our school's approach to safeguarding and to assure you that this is always our first priority as a school. For all children to be safe and to feel safe includes everything from knowing who to turn to if they have concerns to knowing what to do in an emergency.

We are led by the government's publication '*Keeping Children Safe in Education: Statutory guidance for schools and colleges (September 2016)*'. This month the update of this document included new emphasis on particular areas especially around shared responsibility. Every member of staff has read this document and will receive external training in the next two weeks. Staff also use our school's staff code of conduct (this is in our Safeguarding Policy which is on our website).

Shared responsibility

We ensure all in our school community know and understand how to act in the best interests of the child and understand that safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone who works here. This means we encourage all children to feel confident in sharing their concerns about themselves or a friend with **any member of staff**. All members of staff are trained and have a duty to be aware of and report signs of abuse of any sort.

Who to talk to

We make sure that the children at school all know who to talk to. The children are informed in assemblies, in PSCHE lessons and by their teachers that they can talk to any adult if they are concerned about themselves or a friend. Often children may feel more comfortable talking with one of our support staff and every member of staff will always pass on their concerns.

There are procedures to address any concerns raised when they are shared with our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), **Rebecca Osuntokun**.

PSCHE

This year the children will be informed, through assemblies, information from teachers and through our PSCHE lessons, about the following issues at age-appropriate levels:

- Stranger danger
- Identifying risks and hazards eg in the home
- What to do in an emergency, including calling emergency services
- Drug and substance abuse
- Sex and relationships
- Child sexual exploitation



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- Friendships and bullying
- Keeping safe online

Bullying

The children know that bullying is not tolerated at Wix and we explain clearly that bullying is persistent and targeted behaviour towards or about another and can include name calling including discriminatory language eg homophobic, racist or derogatory language of any kind. It can also involve deliberate exclusion or isolation or acting or encouraging others to act in a way which is likely to cause distress. We also ensure they are aware that they share responsibility if they are standing by or knowing of bullying and not informing an adult. With the older children we address online safety, to develop awareness of the use and misuse of social media and the risks involved.

PANTS

We will also be sharing the messages about the PANTS rule from the NSPCC which is now displayed around school and is a simple message about keeping children safe from sexual abuse and ensuring they are encouraged to talk about concerns.

There is very clear and helpful advice for parents which can be found here <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/underwear-rule-guide-for-parents.pdf>

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Osuntokun if you have any questions regarding the area of safeguarding and thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,



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