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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Safeguarding and Child Protection updates**

Five Acre Wood School is committed to child protection, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The schools Child Protection and Online Safety policies have recently been updated to reflect the new Local Authority guidance and the 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' part 1 (KCSIE) government document.

We would encourage parents to view these documents to gain an understanding of how the school continues to keep children safe. The Child Protection Policy includes important guidance on what you, as a parent, should do if you want to raise a safeguarding concern. The policies are available on the School website [www.fiveacrewood.co.uk](http://www.fiveacrewood.co.uk).

### **Social Media and Online Safety**

With the ever growing use of social media we are committed to working to raise awareness of associated issues with our students. The 'online safety' message is vitally important for children today and for this reason it is an area that we constantly reinforce and revisit within school. We appreciate and value your support to ensure that social media is being used appropriately. To support parents, the school will be offering online safety parent sessions during the academic year, these will be circulated through parent mail and on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/fiveacrewoodschool/>.

Websites such as Facebook offer amazing communication and social connections. We ask that staff privacy is respected when friend requests are sent.

### **What to do if you have a concern?**

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. If a parent has a concern about any aspect of the welfare or wellbeing of a child while at school they should inform a Designated Safeguarding Lead.

As part of our partnership with parents/carers please contact school if you would like any further information about any aspects of safeguarding.

Yours sincerely



Peggy Murphy  
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