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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 school's Child Protection and Online Safety policy has recently been updated to reflect the new Local Authority guidance and the changes made to 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' national guidance.

We would encourage parents/carers to view this document to gain an understanding of how the school continues to keep children safe. The Child Protection and Online Safety Policy includes important guidance on what you, as a parent/carer, should do if you want to raise a safeguarding concern. The policy is available on the school website – 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 pupils. 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 the social media online platform is being used appropriately. To support parents/carers, the school offers online safety information and guidance each month via a newsletter. This is circulated via Arbor and social media. Social media enables a range of communication opportunities, however, we ask that the privacy of all staff is respected.

What to do if you have a concern?

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

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

Yours sincerely



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