

**Fairway Infant School
Safer Culture Statement
March 2017**



As a school we are committed to developing safe working practices for the children and staff of Fairway Infant school.

In order to achieve this safe and open culture we:

- Brief staff and volunteers on safer practices
- Follow guidelines on safer recruitment practice (Safer School Checklist)
- Adhere strictly to guidelines for DBS checks and regularly update records
- Work with parents in the interest of protecting children
- Regularly acquaint appropriate stakeholders with information from safer practice policies (Child Protection Policy, Discrimination and Disability Scheme, Behaviour Policy, Bullying Policy, Confidential Reporting Policy, Equal Opportunities Policy, Staff/Student/NQT Induction Policies, Health and Safety Policy, e-safety Policy (including Acceptable Use), Recruitment Policy, Statement on Promoting British Values)
- Teach personal safety skills
- Record and report incidents to the appropriate authorities
- Review and monitor policies and incidents
- Treat information in a discreet and confidential manner
- Plan offsite and after school activities with care and by undertaking risk assessments
- Give due regard to Department for Children, Schools and Families guidance e.g. Supporting Children with Medical Needs in School
- Adhere to the school's safety policies
- Take concerns seriously
- Set acceptable standards of behaviour for all (Staff Handbook, Governors' Visits Policy, Classroom Rules)
- Create an ongoing culture of vigilance
- We will actively challenge pupils, staff or parents expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British Values, including 'extremist' views.

'These actions are not ranked in order of priority as they are designed to dovetail together to form a culture that safeguards children'

**Every Child Matters:
Schools and a wide range of statutory organisations have a legal duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.**

Statement reviewed and adopted by Full Governing Body
On 16th March 2017

Signed.....
Chair of Governors: Andrew Apps