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Safeguarding Statement

The Governors and staff of Crofton School fully recognise the contribution it makes to safeguarding children. We recognise that all staff, teaching and non-teaching, including volunteers, have a full and active part to play in protecting our pupils from harm.

We are committed to safeguarding and work together to ensure our students thrive in a safe supportive environment whatever age, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or gender.

All staff and Governors believe that our school should provide a caring, positive safe and stimulating environment which promotes the social, physical and moral development of the individual child.

The aims of this policy are:

- To support the child's development in ways that will foster security, confidence and independence
- To raise the awareness of both teaching and support staff of the need to safeguard children and of their responsibilities in identifying and reporting possible cases of abuse.
- To provide a systematic means of monitoring children known or thought to be at risk of harm.
- To emphasise the need for good levels of communication between all members of staff.
- To develop a structured procedure within the school which will be followed by all members of the school community in cases of suspected abuse.
- To develop and promote effective working relationships with other agencies, especially the Police, Social Services, schools and colleges.
- To ensure that all adults within our school who have direct contact to children have been checked as to their suitability to do so
- To raise awareness of safeguarding among our pupils and to equip them with the skills to keep them safe

Key staff

Designated safeguarding lead: Amanda Knight

Deputy designated safeguarding lead: Caroline Walklin

Safeguarding Governor: Rachel Stone