Newtown Community Primary School
SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT

This overarching policy statement confirms the principles underpinning the school's work to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

It is the duty of the governors of the school to ensure that safeguarding is given a high priority. This is achieved by:

- Maintaining a safe learning environment for children and young people.
- Identifying where there are child welfare concerns and taking action to address them, in partnership with other organisations where appropriate.
- Contributing through the curriculum to develop children's understanding, awareness, and resilience.
- Ensuring staff play a crucial role in helping identify welfare concerns, and indicators of possible abuse or neglect, at an early stage. Any concerns being referred to those to the appropriate organisation.
- Ensuring the school has a trained senior member of staff to take lead responsibility for dealing with child protection issues, provide advice and support to other staff, liaise with the authority, and work with other agencies.
- Remedying without delay any deficiencies or weaknesses in its arrangements for safeguarding and promoting welfare that are brought to its attention.
- Making children and young people aware of behaviour towards them that is not acceptable, and of how they can help keep themselves safe including e-safety.
- Ensuring the school has effective arrangements in place to address a range of issues including individual educational and medical needs needs, planned interventions and additional provision when required.
- Providing opportunities for children and young people to learn about keeping safe. For example, pupils should be taught to: recognise and manage risks in different situations; judge what kind of physical contact is acceptable and unacceptable and recognise when pressure from others (including people they know) threatens their personal safety and wellbeing and develop effective ways of resisting pressure.
- To ensure arrangements subject to statutory requirements are met including child protection arrangements, pupil health and safety, and bullying. Others include arrangements for meeting the health needs of children with medical conditions, providing first aid, school security, tackling drugs and substance misuse, the use of force in school and having arrangements in place to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.
- To ensure the school has effective safeguarding measures in place during any global pandemic or situations that mean children need to stay at home for their education.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following relevant policies: Child Protection; Remote learning procedures; Behaviour; Anti Bullying; E-safety; Administration of Medicines; First Aid; Medical Needs; Visits Policy; Health and Safety; PSHE&C. See also Business Continuity Plan and other safety procedures; Risk Assessments file (kept in the office).