



## **THE CHERWELL SCHOOL**

### **SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT**

At The Cherwell School, the health, safety and well-being of every student are paramount concerns. We listen to our students and take seriously what they tell us. Our aim is that children will enjoy their time as students in this school. We want to work in partnership with you to help your children to achieve their full potential, feel safe and make a positive contribution.

Our comprehensive Health and Safety Policy is implemented fully and reviewed regularly. Our Child Protection Policy is reviewed every year and is available to staff and parents/carers. All staff and volunteers receive regular training in Child Protection.

Our Code of Conduct – in student planners and on display in classrooms is regularly referred to and underpins our ethos of respect and tolerance for all.

Students are forbidden from bringing any article or substance into school which may cause a risk of harm or threat of harm to members of the community. This includes bladed instruments, toy weapons and illegal substances. Any student carrying such items with them as they come to school, during the school day or as they return home risk permanent exclusion and arrest by the Police.

We ask that all visitors report to reception to sign in and be issued with a visitors pass which should be worn at all times when on our school site.

To promote a safe environment for students, our selection and recruitment policy includes all checks on staff and regular volunteers suitability, including Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks, as recommended by Oxfordshire County Council in accordance with current legislation.

In accordance with our responsibilities under section 175 of the Education Act 2002, we have 6 Designated Teachers for Child Protection ( Barb Timms, Chris Price, Kim Young, Michelle Johnson, Lorraine Hunt and Paul James) who have received appropriate training for this role. It is their responsibility to ensure that all members of staff in contact with students receive child protection awareness training on a regular basis.

On rare occasions our concern about a student may mean that we have to consult other agencies. Unless it is not safe for a student, we would always aim to achieve this with a parent or carers consent. The procedures, which we follow, have been laid down by the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children's Board and the school has adopted a Child Protection Policy in line with this for the safety of all. If you want to know more about our procedures, please speak to the Head Teacher. The Policy is available, on request, from the school office and can also be found on the school website