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Safeguarding Children Statement 2017-18

Rationale

The National Curriculum Council advises that children aged five and above should begin to develop skills and practices which will help them to maintain personal safety. The reporting of incidents of child abuse is increasing. It is our duty to help ensure a child's protection.

Purpose

To aid the early detection of child abuse in its many forms:

- physical abuse
- emotional abuse
- sexual abuse
- neglect

Guidelines

- Mr Gumm is the designated teacher for matters relating to child abuse. Any suspicion of child abuse must be reported to him.
- The sensitive area of child abuse is covered in Personal, Health and Social Education, Computing and Sex and Relationships Education. In particular, they deal with the areas of family life and relationships, sex education and safety education including e-safety.

Conclusion

The ethos of the school and its curriculum reflects our concern to provide children with a secure, safe and non-threatening environment. The detection of abuse and protection of children forms part of our professional responsibility. Following the Somerset Guidelines supports this ethos.

Approved by Headteacher: Steve Gumm (signed) 12th December 2017(date)

Governing Board informed of review: 12th December 2017 (date)

Next Review date: September 2018 (in line with Child Protection & Safeguarding)