



## Outwoods Primary School - Statement on Safeguarding the Welfare of Young People (Child Protection).

*'Under the Education Act 2002 (Section 175), schools must make arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. Parent/carers should know that the law (Children Act 1989) requires all school staff to pass on information which gives rise to a concern about a child's welfare, including risk from neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse. The staff will seek, in general, to discuss any concerns with the parent/carer, and where possible, seek their consent to a referral to Social Care. This will only be done where such discussion will not place the child at increased risk of significant harm. Schools will seek advice from Social Care when they have reasonable cause to suspect a child may be suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. Occasionally, concerns are passed on which are later shown to be unfounded. Parents/carers will appreciate that the designated person for child protection was carrying out their responsibilities in accordance with the law and acting in the best interests of all children.'*

The Designated Person for Child Protection at Outwoods Primary School is **Mrs B Dandy (Headteacher)**. The Deputy Designated Persons are **Mrs S Taylor (Deputy Headteacher)**, **Miss C Maguire (Assistant Headteacher)** and **Mrs L Swain (HLTA, Assistant SENCO)**.

### Safeguarding Children is Everyone's Concern.

- Protecting children is everybody's business
- Adults have a moral responsibility to report abuse
- If in doubt share your concerns about children with someone. You can ask for advice from Warwickshire Children's Teams - see the number below:
- Reporting concerns rarely leads to a child being removed and often can lead to help being put into the family so improvements can be made that help the whole family
- Act now - long-term abuse is damaging for children

If you're worried about any child and think they may be a victim of neglect, abuse or cruelty, contact Children's Social Care (formally social services) on **01926 410410**

Our offices are open from:

9 am to 5.30 pm Monday to Thursday

9 am to 5 pm on Friday

If it outside these times phone

01926 886922

When phoning, say that you have concerns about a child that you would like to discuss with the Local Children's Team and you will be put through to the Duty Social Worker. In an emergency contact the Police by ringing 999.