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Safeguarding children in our school

Safeguarding children is the responsibility of everyone.

As such, all the staff in our school have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of our children. This duty is placed upon the school by section 175 of the Education Act 2002.

At Linton Park Campus the Designated Safeguarding Lead is Miss Dorney and her deputy is Mr Marshall.

If we are concerned that a child may be at risk from significant harm (abuse) or is being abused, the school is required to refer their concerns onto Social Care and the police if necessary. In some circumstances this may happen without consent or knowledge of parents/ carers.

Our school also has a responsibility to act upon other concerns that they may have about a child's welfare in circumstances where there are no suspicions of child abuse. Examples of this may be when a child is demonstrating inappropriate behaviour, is involved in bullying, is failing to come to school or where difficulties at home are having an effect on the child's wellbeing. However, this list is by no means exhaustive.

Linton Park Campus has a safeguarding policy which explains all the above in much more detail. If you would like to see the policy, you can find it on the school website at <http://lintonpark.focus-school.com/keeping-students-safe/>. There is also some government guidance on the website "Keeping Children Safe" for you to peruse.

Declaration from parent:

I have read and understood the statement above and confirm I have access to the school's safeguarding policy and government guidance via the school website.

Parent / Carer _____ (*signature*)

Child's name (please complete a separate form for each child) _____

Date: _____

Please return this signed declaration to the school office by FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2016