

CHILD PROTECTION

It is the school's responsibility to ensure that all children are protected against 'significant harm' and if a situation arises where we are concerned about the health and well-being of a child then we are obliged to refer the matter further. The school in most circumstances will discuss all concerns with parents; however there may be exceptional circumstances when the school will discuss concerns with Social Services and/or the Police without parental knowledge (in accordance with Southend Essex and Thurrock Child Protection Procedures). The school will of course always aim to keep a positive relationship with all parents. The staff of the school are provided with training on child protection matters on an annual basis. The Deputy Headteacher is the designated person responsible for child protection in the school. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff and volunteers to support this commitment. The school's Child Protection Policy is available on request.

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