



## **ISP School Whitstable Safeguarding Statement**

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of all children and expects all adults and volunteers to share this commitment.

We are fully committed to ensuring that consistent, effective safeguarding procedures are in place to support families, children and adults at our school.

We recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

We make every effort to provide a safe and welcoming environment underpinned by a culture of openness where both children and adults feel secure, able to talk and believe that they are being listened to.

We maintain an attitude of 'it could happen here' where safeguarding is concerned. The purpose of this Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy is to provide staff, volunteers and governors with the framework they need to keep children safe and secure in our school and to inform parents and carers how we will safeguard their children whilst they are in our care.

Any concerns are passed through the Designated Safeguarding Leads who are trained as 'Designated Child protection Officers' in our school in compliance with the 'sharing of information' guidance.

### **The Designated Person for Safeguarding is**

Name: Steve Rumball Deputy Head and Designated Safeguarding Lead

In his absence the Designated Person is: Name: Carole Cox Head Teacher,

Name: Teresa Aylward Progress Engagement Guide (PEG), Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (Second)

Name: Franca Baker School Administrator/Office Manager (Third)

The Nominated Governor for safeguarding children is: Name: Joanne Wright

The school will, in most circumstances, endeavour to discuss all concerns with parents about their children. However, there may be exceptional circumstances when the school will discuss concerns with Social Care and/or the Police without parental knowledge (in accordance with Child Protection procedures). The school will, always aim to maintain positive relationships with all parents.

The school's child protection policy is available on our website, or paper copies are available through reception.