



Ridgeway Primary School



Safeguarding Statement

As a school we are strongly committed to safeguarding. All staff and volunteers have a responsibility to keep pupils safe and protect them from abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns. Our staff and volunteers undergo regular safeguarding training to ensure that they can identify safeguarding issues and report them immediately. All our pupils have a right to be safe and to be treated with respect and dignity and when necessary, we work effectively with outside agencies to ensure that this is the case.

We work hard as a team to ensure our pupils are not subject to radicalisation and the ideals of extremist groups. We have a culture of vigilance around issues such as Child Sexual Exploitation and FGM. Information around these key safeguarding issues, as well as related safeguarding policies can be found within our Child Protection and Safeguarding policy.

The safeguarding culture of a school is, in part, exercised through the development of respectful, caring and professional relationships between adults and pupils and behaviour by the adult that demonstrates integrity, maturity and good judgement. The Lead Safeguarding Officer for the school will deal with any safeguarding concerns you have as a matter of urgency.

The Lead Safeguarding Manager and Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for Ridgeway Primary School is: Iain Wilson (Head Teacher)

The Deputy Safeguarding Lead is: *Cathy Naylor* (Assistant Head Teacher)

The Nominated Link Safeguarding Governor is: *Jim Brimble*

