

## Chad Vale Primary School.

### Child Protection Information for Visitors and Volunteers.

The school's first priority is the welfare of our pupils. We are committed to the highest standards in protecting and safeguarding the children entrusted to our care at all times.

We recognise that some children may be the victims of neglect, physical, sexual or emotional abuse and that all staff are well placed to identify such abuse and offer support to children in need.

At Chad Vale Primary School, in order to protect our children, we aim to:

- Create an atmosphere where all our children can feel secure, valued and listened to,
- Recognise signs and symptoms of abuse,
- Respond quickly and effectively to cases of suspected abuse.

Our school will support all pupils by:

- Encouraging self-esteem and self-assertiveness whilst not condoning aggression or bullying,
- Promoting a caring, safe and positive environment within the school.

Everyone working with our pupils should be aware that:

- Within the staff handbook is a section on child protection and they should read this as a priority at the earliest opportunity.
- Their role is to listen and note carefully any observations which could indicate abuse.
- They should not attempt to investigate once the initial concern is raised.
- They should involve the Designated Senior Person (DSP) immediately.
- If the DSP is not available the Deputy should be contacted.
- Disclosures of abuse or harm from children may be made at any time.

If you have a concern that a child is being harmed or at risk of being harmed, or receive a disclosure (intentionally or unintentionally) you must contact the following staff member. **If anything worries you or concerns you tell him straight away.**

DSP name **Robin Haselgrove (Head Teacher)**

If this person is not available please contact

Deputy DSP name **Paul Sansom (Deputy Head Teacher)**

If anyone, by the way they speak to you or look at you, makes you feel uncomfortable then please take your concerns to the Head Teacher - Robin Haselgrove. If he has acted inappropriately then please speak to the school secretary who will in turn contact the Chair of Governors.

Please enjoy your time here at Chad Vale and thank you for visiting.