

# **Child protection information leaflet for students/ volunteers.**

## **WELCOME TO FURZEDOWN SCHOOL**

### **School statement**

We recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all pupils. We endeavour to provide a safe and welcoming environment where children are respected and valued. We are alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and follow our procedures to ensure that children receive effective support, protection and justice. While working in our school we expect you to take care of our pupils and follow our procedures.

### **Key facts about child abuse**

Abuse and neglect can happen to any child, boy or girl, of any race, culture, ethnicity or sexuality. Disabled children and children with SEN are particularly vulnerable.

Many children are unable to disclose what is happening to them and rely on us to interpret their behaviour and spot signs of abuse.

A pupil may:

- Have a bruise, burn or injury that seems suspicious
- Show signs of pain or discomfort
- Be unnaturally passive or withdrawn
- Be unpredictable and challenging
- Seem anxious, fearful or distressed
- Provide an unlikely explanation for their injury or their behaviour.

If you are concerned for a child's health, welfare or safety in any way you must speak to the designated senior person (DSL) Mrs. Wilson or Ms. Heywood or a senior member of staff before you leave the school site.

Do not question the pupil or try to secure evidence. Your responsibility is to report your concern, not to investigate.

If a pupil tells you something that suggests they are at risk of harm, allow them to tell you as much as they wish and let them know that you must pass the information on to the DSL.

If you become concerned about a pupil's immediate safety, notify the nearest member of staff and tell them why you are concerned.

You should complete a welfare concern form in office and hand it to the DSL or senior member of staff before you leave the school site. Ask a senior member of staff if you would like help to complete the form.

If you have any questions or wish to see our Child Protection Policy please contact the DSL.