

## **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN STATEMENT**

### **BELMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL**

At Belmont Primary School we believe that children must be protected from harm at all times.

- We believe every child should be valued, safe and happy. We want to make sure that children we have contact with know this and are empowered to tell us if they are suffering harm.
- We want children who use or have contact with this school to enjoy what we have to offer in safety.
- We want parents and carers who use or attend our school to be supported to care for their children in a way that promotes their child's health and well being and keeps them safe.
- We want organisations who work with or commission work from us, or who provide funding to us to have confidence and recognise that we are a safe organisation.
- We will achieve this by having an effective safeguarding children procedure and follow National guidance (What to Do If You're Worried a Child Is Being abused)
- If a pupil, volunteer, staff member, parent or other person has concerns about the safety of a child/children at the school they should contact the designated senior lead for safeguarding and child protection: Mr C Gibson (Head Teacher), Mrs S Noble (Deputy Head), Mrs L Allen (Business Manager) or Mr M Tilling (Safeguarding Governor). If the Head Teacher is cause for concern, please contact Mr M Bloomfield – Chair of Governors, confidentially via the school office.
- If we discover or suspect a child is suffering harm we will notify social services via Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council Adult and Children's Services Team. Tel: 01642 771500 fax: 01642 771535 (08702 402994 out of hours Emergency Duty Team) or the police Child Abuse Investigation Unit, Tel: 01642 301848/49/50/51 (01642 326326 out of hours for duty officer) in order that they can be protected if necessary.
- This safeguarding children policy statement and our safeguarding children procedure apply to all staff, volunteers and users of Belmont Primary School and anyone carrying out any work for us or using our premises.
- We will review our safeguarding children policy and procedures at least every 2 years to make sure they are still relevant and effective.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_