



# **MEREVALLEY**

# **SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT**

## 1. VERSION

Date	Author(s)	Notes on Revision/s	Approved by
April 2017	Hayley Davis	Written to be read alongside updated Child Protection Policy	
November 2018	Hayley White	Annual review; change of names and titles	
July 2019	Hayley White	Annual review	
July 2020	Hayley White	Annual review	
September 2021	Hayley White	Annual review Federation Policy rather than 2 separate policies	H. White 28/9/21
<b>Policy Review:</b> Annually			
<b>Level required for Ratification:</b> Full Governing Board Meeting			

## 2. SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

Safeguarding is everybody's business. Merevalley Federation is committed to ensuring that all of our children and young people are safe and feel safe; that children, parents/carers and staff are able to talk about any safeguarding concerns and feel assured that they will be listened to; and that all staff and volunteers are aware of and implement safeguarding procedures and guidance, including what to do if they suspect a child or young person may be experiencing, or be at risk of, harm.

## 3. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Merevalley Federation has a number of policies which embrace our commitment and work to safeguard children. Safeguarding is at the centre of every aspect of school life and the wellbeing and safety of the children in our care is given the upmost importance by all our Staff and Governors. To support this, we have a number of policies that specifically encompass our Safeguarding practice at Merevalley Federation. These policies are as follows:

- Anti-Bullying
- Behaviour
- Child Protection
- First Aid
- Health and Safety
- Online Safety
- Staff Code of Conduct
- Educational Visits
- Whistle Blowing

Our Child Protection Policy outlines the specific actions and procedures that we follow to protect children who have suffered abuse or who are at risk of this.

Safeguarding is about ensuring that everyone is safe from harm. We aim for all stakeholders of Merevalley Federation, including children, staff, parents and governors to feel safe in our school environment. **All concerns in relation to any aspect of Safeguarding should be brought to the attention of the Executive Headteacher, Mrs Hayley White, or the Safeguarding Team:**

### **Merebrook Infant School**

**Designated Safeguarding Lead** – Miss Tracy Hurwood

**Deputy Safeguarding Lead** – Miss Lynsey Elliott

### **Emerson Valley School:**

**Designated Safeguarding Lead** - Mrs Hayley White

**Deputy Safeguarding Lead** - Mrs Jacqui Avola

**Safeguarding Officers** - Mr Kieran Wallbank and Ms Michelle Durrant