



## Safeguarding Students at Heathside School

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff, visitors and volunteers to share this commitment.

This means that we have a Child Protection Policy and procedures in place which reflect current guidelines. All staff and visitors must ensure that they are aware of these procedures. Parents and carers are encouraged to read the Policy which is available on the school website.

Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that a concern about a student is discussed with his/her parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is:

Ms Shakespeare - Vice Principal

Deputies:

Miss Balson - Assistant Principal

Miss Gatrell - Head of Learning

Miss Atkinson - Home School Link Worker

If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please record your concern and any observations or conversation heard and report it to one of the DSLs as soon as possible the same day. Do NOT conduct your own investigation.

If your concerns relate to the actions or behaviour of a member of staff (which could suggest that s/he is unsuitable to work with children) you should report this to the Principal (or the Chair of the Local Governing Body if the concern relates to the Principal) who will consider what action to take.

*Mrs A L Cullum  
Principal  
March 2017*