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Dear Parents and Carers,

With a focus on internet safety last week the governors thought it would be timely to remind you all how we approach safeguarding at The Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Yarmouth.

Safeguarding in schools is a very wide topic. It considers the safety and well-being of the children, staff, parents and visitors in our school community. Much of this is a statutory duty under 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' legislation; however, it goes beyond this to the heart of what we aim for as caring and supportive schools.

Our Mission states: "To educate children in an atmosphere of Christian love where all achieve the very best they can, now and throughout their lives:" This means the whole school community, parents included, and this statement is explored with the children through a range of activities at age appropriate levels.

In our curriculum, the children are taught how to keep themselves safe on the internet via their regular computing lessons that address the issue at an age appropriate level.

Sites such as those below are helpful to access advice for children, teachers and parents:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>, the education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation that protects children both online and offline, where both parents and children can learn more about on-line safety.

<https://www.safe4me.co.uk/> which is the Hampshire County Council site providing information and resources to help educate people about keeping safe and making responsible choices.

In Personal Social Health and Emotional education, we explore other aspects of safeguarding through themes such as 'Getting on and Falling out', 'Say No to Bullying' and 'Good to be Me' at age-appropriate levels through a range of activities, including drama and role play.

Any concern raised by a child, parent, staff or indeed the public is treated in accordance with our Safeguarding Policy and will be followed up with the appropriate agency as required. This means that in some cases the school will monitor the situation whereas in others Social Care, the Police and/or the Local Authority Designated Officer are consulted on next steps. Meetings and actions are documented and reviewed as appropriate.

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Before staff are appointed in our schools, safeguarding is reviewed carefully by considering references and an 'Enhanced DBS check' which declares any convictions and child protection issues. Teachers also undergo a medical check and a Department of Education review of their Teacher Registration Number which would declare any directive from the Secretary of State.

On an annual basis the school completes a safeguarding audit which is submitted to the Local Authority and the governors follow up on to ensure the highest level of safeguarding is in place in our schools. We have a designated Safeguarding Governor on our governing body - Mark Webber - who regularly reviews the safeguarding processes and procedures in the schools.

The governors and school leaders take safeguarding of the children and our whole community seriously. The schools have Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) who will deal with any issues in school. Their name and photograph are always displayed in the Front Office so anyone may contact them with any concerns.

All our relevant policies are available on the schools' websites: [www.fosay.co.uk](http://www.fosay.co.uk) and are available for your review.

Safeguarding is our highest priority and we hope you find this letter is informative and helpful. Should you have any questions regarding safeguarding, please do not hesitate to contact the Headteacher or our Safeguarding Governor through the school offices:

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