## **CHILD PROTECTION PROCEDURE**

From time to time the school receives information from a variety of sources (children, parents or other adults) concerned with the protection of individual children from abuse. This information will always be dealt with as confidentially as is possible and made known to the smallest number of staff who need to know.

Parents do need to be aware that whilst we will deal with such information with sensitivity and care, there are legal responsibilities laid upon the school to report actual allegations to Social Services or the Police and there are procedures we are expected to follow if suspicions are passed to us. All of us, as adults, have to accept that it is the protection of the child who may be at some kind of risk which is most important.

A copy of the Child Protection Procedure is available for inspection at the school which is annually reviewed. We are a school that places the safety of our pupils first.