



# Aston Fields Middle School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Safeguarding Children and Child Protection Policy

I am writing to inform you that Aston Fields Middle School's "Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy" is available for parents/carers to read on the school website [www.astonfields.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.astonfields.worcs.sch.uk).

Parents/carers should be aware that the school has a legal duty to assist Social Care with Child Protection enquiries and sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with parents/carers first, **unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.**

The school also takes part in the national scheme "Operation Encompass" which is run locally, in partnership with Worcestershire County Council and West Mercia Police. Operation Encompass is a process whereby the police and county council will inform a member of staff if a child or young person has experienced any domestic incident. This will be done prior to the start of the next school day. Information sharing between professional agencies allows school staff to provide emotional and practical support to their pupils experiencing domestic abuse.

The sharing of details under Operation Encompass is permitted under Statutory Safeguarding Legislation and in respect of local authority schools under the Crime and Disorder Act (for the prevention of crime) and doing so without the child's or parent's consent is permissible under both pieces of legislation and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

The school has also adopted the following nationally recommended safeguarding statement as part of its recruitment procedures.

*Aston Fields Middle School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.*

It is important that we work together to safeguard our pupils. If a parent/carer has any concerns about the safety of children at our school, I would be grateful if this was reported to me, even if already reported to the Police or Children's Services.

Yours sincerely

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