

## **A letter from our Designated Safeguarding Lead**

Thank you for visiting our website.

In line with the Government's vision for all services for children and young people and the Department for Education's Statutory Guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education the governors and all school staff recognise that children have a fundamental right to learn in a safe environment and to be protected from harm.

Young people are less likely to learn effectively and go on to lead positive and independent lives if they are not kept healthy and safe. This school is therefore committed to providing an environment which is safe and where the welfare of each child is of paramount importance. This will include a commitment to ensuring that all students feel confident that any concerns they may have will be listened to and acted upon.

To this end, governors and school staff will be committed to ensuring that all members of the school community, including volunteers, are aware of school procedures and of their responsibilities in this area. This will include communicating policies and procedures effectively to parents/carers, ensuring all staff and relevant governors attend appropriate training, and working effectively with other professionals on behalf of children in need or enquiring into allegations of child abuse.

Parents and other members of our community can access The Grey Coat Hospital's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy in its entirety on the school website at [www.gch.org.uk](http://www.gch.org.uk)

Other requests for this policy are welcomed in writing to [www.gch.org.uk](http://www.gch.org.uk)

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