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Dear Parent/Carer,

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I am writing to provide you with important information about the Safeguarding team at Hydesville Tower School.

Safeguarding the welfare of every child is the highest priority at our school, and we have a dedicated team of staff who, with me, oversee various aspects of the safeguarding and child protection of the children.

The Safeguarding team is:
Mrs Whitehouse - Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
Miss Nijjar and Mrs Chand - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)
Mrs Smith - Early Years Designated Safeguarding Lead (EYDSL)
Mrs Willis - Early Years Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (EYDDSL)

The above staff have undertaken specialist Safeguarding and Child Protection training. This is in addition to the regular training undertaken by all staff.

If you have any concerns about the welfare of a child at Hydesville Tower School or wish to pass on safeguarding-related information, you can contact any of the staff named above. The school's Safeguarding policy can be found on the school website here.

As a school, we have a range of statutory duties and responsibilities in relation to safeguarding. There is an obligation on us to work with external agencies and to share safeguarding concerns with external agencies, e.g. Social Care and/or Police. We will ensure that any concern about a pupil is first discussed with his/her parents unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare or we are advised by an external agency that this should not happen. Where a referral is made to an external agency, please be assured that the school will always be acting in the best interest of the child and following our published and agreed safeguarding procedure which is fully aligned with statutory requirements.

I also wanted to highlight to you a related and important area of safeguarding, that of online safety. We live in a fast changing digital world and we take our responsibilities in this area seriously. The member of staff who leads on this area of work is Mrs Willis – the e-Safety Co-ordinator.

We incorporate digital safety as part of our ongoing curriculum. Below are some excellent links which relate to keeping young children safe online, and I would strongly recommend that you consider these resources as you develop your own boundaries and expectations at home.

E-Safety resources:
Short clips about the risks of the online world: clip one and clip two
The UK Safer Internet Centre
CEOP's Think U Know – an excellent government resource
Digital Awareness UK

Moment app – an app which allows you to check how much you are using your iPhone or iPad

For any general questions or pastoral matters please do feel free to contact your child's form tutor. We always welcome your feedback on any issues related to safeguarding.

Yours sincerely,

Warren Honey
Headmaster