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Dear Parent/Carer

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Re: Safeguarding Changes

As a school we have always had a comprehensive Safeguarding Policy but following a recent audit into safeguarding in school, we decided it would be beneficial to have a 'child friendly' version of the policy.

As such, last week we launched our 'child friendly' safeguarding policy and held a whole school assembly to discuss the meaning of safeguarding; what we do in school to keep our children safe; to make sure children are aware of their rights and expectations and where they can go for help and support if they need it.

Following the launch, we have implemented an information board in school (in our Reflection Zone) which contains a copy of the policy for children to access; details of how children can get help and support along with contact details of other organisations who are there to support children.

During our pupil voice discussions, it would appear that the majority of our children feel that they have a trusted adult who they would talk to in school. However, there are always children who find it hard to initiate a challenging conversation and therefore we are implementing 'Tweet boxes' in each Learning Zone. These are basically bird boxes (one in each LZ) in which children can post a 'tweet' or message letting the team know that they would like to talk.

In addition, we will be implementing a new section to our school website to be known as Kids Zone (a name chosen by our Shadow Leadership Team). This area of the website will contain information such as the policy, advice, guidance and support specifically for our children.

As a team we feel that safeguarding is a real strength in our school and is embedded in our culture. However, we strive to continually improve and develop and hope that these actions will be positive additions to our existing safeguarding ethos.

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Yours sincerely

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