

18<sup>th</sup> December 2009

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you that an updated Safeguarding Children and Child Protection Policy is available for parents to read on request from the school office.

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

*Parkside 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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Designated Senior Member of Staff for Safeguarding  
(DSMS)