

Tuesday 17th July 2018

Dear parents and carers,

Many of you may be aware of news stories yesterday reporting that a former member of staff no longer employed by the school was jailed at Lincoln Crown Court, having pleaded guilty to a number of offences.

I would like to clarify that any incidents attributed to the perpetrator have nothing whatsoever to do with the school. Pupils will continue to be provided with the best education in a safe and healthy environment from my committed team of staff.

Our safeguarding arrangements continue to be rigorous and effective. Indeed the recent Ofsted confirmed that:

- **The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.**
- **Leaders have received clear guidance from the local authority to ensure that all safeguarding arrangements are fit for purpose. Staff understand they have a duty to be vigilant and are aware of the different forms of abuse.**
- **The governing body ensures that leaders provide a safe environment and that policies and procedures for safeguarding are implemented.**
- **All staff and the very large majority of parents who completed Ofsted's online surveys agree that pupils are safe at school.**
- **Senior leaders know the school community well. They work effectively with external agencies to support vulnerable families. The headteacher takes prompt action to ensure that any welfare or child protection concerns are quickly and decisively addressed.**

As a parent of past and present children at the school I fully understand that you may have concerns and questions, so please do get in touch with me if this is the case. Please can I remind parents to consider the implications of making social media posts and to think carefully about how much information is shared with your children. As a school we complete regular NSPCC workshops with the children regarding safeguarding issues and will continue to do this in the future.

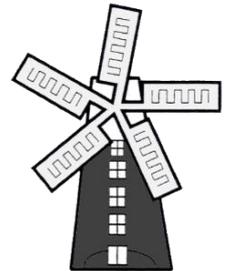
Please be aware that the school does not have a social media presence and as such any information that appears on Facebook, Twitter, in WhatsApp groups etc. is not endorsed by the school and may not be reliable.

With thanks for your continued support,



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