

## St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School is committed to the principles of Working Together to Safeguard Children



'The Federation of St Cuthbert's, St Sebastian's and Field of Dreams Nursery ensures children learn in a safe, caring and enriching environment. Children are taught how to identify risky, unsafe or problematic situations, how and when to seek help, how to develop positive and healthy relationships and how to avoid situations where they might be at risk including by being exploited.

The Federation also has a statutory responsibility to share any concerns it might have about a child in need of protection with other agencies and in particular police, health and children's services. Schools are not able to investigate child protection concerns but have a legal duty to refer them. In most instances, the Federation will be able to inform the parents/carers of its need to make a referral. However, sometimes the Federation can in certain circumstances share information without the consent of the family and may be advised by children's services or police that the parent/carer cannot be informed whilst they investigate the matter or make enquires. We understand the anxiety parents/carers understandably feel when they are not told about any concerns from the outset. The Federation follows legislation that aims to act in the interests of the child.

The Federation will always seek to work in partnership with parents and other agencies to ensure the best possible outcomes for the child and family'