

## **Safeguarding Statement**

The Weald School recognises that the welfare of the child is paramount and takes seriously its responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of the students in its care. The school believes that all children and young people have the right to grow up in a safe and caring environment, which includes the right to protection from all types of abuse. The students in our care have the right to expect adults in positions of responsibility to do everything possible to foster these rights. Governors, staff and volunteers in this school understand the importance of working in partnership with children, their parents/carers and other agencies in order to promote children's welfare.

The purpose of the school policies which relate to or are linked to safeguarding is to afford protection for the students at the Weald, enable staff and volunteers to safeguard and promote the welfare of children promote a culture which makes this school a safer place to learn. All policies apply to the Headteacher, all staff (including supply and peripatetic staff), volunteers, governors or anyone working on behalf of the Weald School