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THE COOPERS' COMPANY AND COBORN SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Safeguarding

As you may be aware the government has launched a review into sexual abuse in schools this week, and you may have seen the extensive and concerning media coverage connected to this. We therefore want to remind and reassure you that we have robust safeguarding policies in place and pride ourselves on our strong safeguarding culture.

We take every concern raised seriously and ensure all parties involved are supported and that appropriate action is taken. We have policies in place which have been approved by the local authority and governing board which can be viewed at <https://www.cooperscoborn.org.uk/statutory-policies/>

These policies are reviewed on a regular basis and updated as and when new guidance is published. Further to this, staff have annual training based on the safeguarding policies to ensure they understand and are confident in dealing with any concerns raised.

To provide further reassurance to you, we voluntarily have our safeguarding procedures and policies independently audited every year by the local authority to ensure we are in the very best position to safeguard our students. Our last audit took place in November 2020 which received a clean bill of health.

Students are regularly reminded by staff and via posters about where they can go if they need to speak to someone about a concern they have.

However, given the recent focus on abuse in schools we have taken further steps this week and held additional sessions on safeguarding and reviewed our policies in light of the issues highlighted. Following the Easter break we will be putting together a working party which will involve senior leaders and have regular student involvement to ensure key issues are discussed, and that any necessary steps to help and support students further are taken.

Unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated at Coopers' Coborn. If any student or parent has any concerns, we urge them to come to myself, Mrs Carron (our Designated Safeguarding Lead), or a member of the safeguarding team so that we can help them. Anyone reporting a concern will be supported, and appropriate action will be taken.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Ms Sue Hay
Headteacher

Mrs Rachna Carron
Assistant Head & Designated Safeguarding Lead