#### <u>What we will do if we have a concern</u> <u>about one of our children</u>

If we are concerned that a child may be, in any way, at risk of abuse or neglect, we will follow the procedures in our Child Protection Policy. You can ask for a copy from reception. The procedures have been written to protect all children and support families, children and staff.

Firstly, we will take advice from Social Care First Contact team, if we have a serious concern about your child. They will advise us on the appropriate steps to take and whether we can discuss our concerns with you. In almost all circumstances you will be kept informed as to what you can expect to happen.

If you are concerned about the safety or welfare of any child, including your own, you should act immediately and ring Social Care, First Contact Team on:

# 01642 726004

You will be able to speak with someone who will take any concerns seriously. They will ask for your name and address but you can ring anonymously. We are committed to safeguarding and meeting the needs of all our children.

Keeping them safe is a key

Priority!

# <u>Remember</u>

It is always better to be safe than sorry when it comes to a child's safety and welfare.



Safeguarding

# Keeping children healthy and safe from harm



MIDDLESBROUGH Safeguarding Children Board

Contact: Newport Primary School 01642 861911 What do we mean by Safeguarding? What is our responsibility? What is your responsibility? What is CAF? (Common Assessment Framework) In school, the members of the Safeguarding team are:

Mrs J Sutton - Head Teacher Mrs Sutton is our school designated person for Child Protection.

Miss L Hill - Parent Support Advisor. Miss Hill is our deputy designated person.

You can, of course, speak to any member of staff and you are assured of prompt action to any problem you tell us about.

Newport Primary is responsible for keeping your child safe in school. We put into place a variety of Safeguarding policies to ensure their health, learning and development is at the centre of all we do.

#### What safeguarding means?

- Protecting children from harm
- Protecting their health and development
- Protecting their physical and emotional needs

### Tell us if:

There is anything in your child's life that we need to know. Things that happen outside of school can effect their time with us.

There is a reason why your child is not attending by ringing us on the first day of absence.

#### Common Assessment Framework (CAF)

This is a process that helps us identify any support needs your child may have and includes your thoughts and ideas. This information can be shared with others working with your child to save explaining things over and over again. It usually involves one or two meetings where the form is completed. Ask a member of the safeguarding team if you would like to see a copy of this form.

# Your child is safe in school because we:

- Take all concerns seriously
- Listen and act upon any concerns
- Encourage children to tell us if something concerns them
- Talk to other agencies if we have concerns
- Work together with parents and carers
- Train all our staff in child protection
- Update our Child Protection Policy regularly and in line with government guidelines
- Have policies to protect your child such as anti-bullying and internet safety
- DBS check all staff

