Working together to Safeguard Children (2018) defines safeguarding and promoting the welfare or children as:

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health and development
- Ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

At Deepdale Community Primary School, we aim to create a happy, secure, inclusive and challenging environment in which all members of the school can grow in selfesteem, developing their potential as healthy human beings.

Our school fully recognises the contribution it can make to protect children and support pupils in school.

There are three main elements to our Child Protection Policy:

- Prevention: e.g. positive school atmosphere, teaching and pastoral support to pupils.
- Protection: by following agreed procedures, ensuring staff are trained and supported to respond appropriately and sensitively to Child Protection Concerns.
- Support: to pupils and school staff who may have been abused

We have a Safeguarding and Child Protection policy in operation in school and follow the procedures set out in the Lancashire Safeguarding Children Board, Keeping Children Safe in Education (DFE 2023) and Working Together to Safeguard Children (DFE 2018).

Safeguarding and Child Protection concerns will be reported to Social Care.