External Safeguarding Audit Summary 2018

The DSL's invited Ian Magraw, safeguarding consultant and previous Head of Safeguarding for Surrey to carry out an independent audit of the school. He met with the DSLs, safeguarding governor, Head and Deputy.

Meeting with pupils

I had the pleasure of meeting pupils and asked them a number of scenarios around bullying and keeping themselves safe online which they answered very well and confidently and it was clear that that had been taught about this. They were all very polite and well behaved. I asked them for one word to describe being at school and they said:

- Friendly
- Comforting
- Safe
- Exciting
- Cheerful
- Fun

I also asked them what they would to like to change at the school and they said:

- Nothing
- Longer school days
- Pupils who ate school dinners and those with packed lunches should sit together
- Longer half term
- Drama as a subject
- The boy's toilet cubicle locks don't work
- More plant life and a bird watching area

Conclusion

As I have stated at the start of this report, safeguarding is a priority of the school and there is a strong culture and is fully supported by the Governing Body. The Designated Safeguarding Lead and her deputy pay very close attention to ensuring that all pupils can communicate all concerns to their teachers without alerting their classmates. Any concerns are quickly dealt with and referrals made if required.

Ian Magraw, Safeguarding consultant

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