

### **Aims of this leaflet**

In this leaflet we would like to share with you school policies and practices with regards to ensuring that children are taught to live healthy lifestyles and adopt safe practices.

### **Statement of Intent**

At Simms Cross Primary School we are committed to providing a friendly, caring and safe environment for all our pupils so that they can learn in a relaxed and secure environment. We believe every pupil should be able to participate in all activities in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from harm.

We recognise our responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all our pupils by protecting them from physical, sexual or emotional abuse, neglect and bullying.

School policies are in place to ensure that there is a consistent approach to practices throughout the school and that they are adhered to by staff, governors and volunteers.

Adults have a tremendous impact on young children and with this in mind adults at Simms Cross:

- ❖ are good role models for children
- ❖ enjoy their work and working with children
- ❖ are conscientious and hard-working
- ❖ recognise and value strengths in each other and use these to support everyone
- ❖ work within the agreed policies of the school
- ❖ promote a happy, caring and safe school
- ❖ encourage children to think for themselves, ask questions and find answers
- ❖ create an environment of trust whereby children are trusted to work independently.
- ❖ challenge and support children in their learning.



There are numerous policies in place to safeguard our children which include:

**Child Protection** - this is a sensitive area in which all staff receive regular training. Here, school and other services for children and families all work together to support the needs of children.

The school has a trained Child Protection Senior Designated Person (Mrs Wilson), Deputy Designated Person (Mr Leck), and a named governor.

**Attendance** - children's attendance at school is monitored on a daily basis and notable absences or patterns of absences are followed up by our Education Welfare Officer.

**Behaviour** - high standards of behaviour are expected in school. More details of this can be seen in our Behaviour policy. All classrooms operate the traffic light system. Children are often reminded about our school rules and they know that we have them in order for everyone to be happy and keep safe.

**Health and safety** - everyone at Simms Cross knows they have a responsibility to ensure children and adults are able to work in a healthy and safe environment.

The school has fully trained work place and paediatric first aid members of staff who deal with accidents should they occur.

**Curriculum** - through the planned curriculum we ensure that the issues of healthy eating, physical exercise and safety are taught. This aspect is enhanced by the many visitors to school, e.g. police officers who talk to the children about issues such as road safety, safe people and drugs awareness for our children.

**E Safety** - children are taught the correct way to access information on the Internet from an early age. They know to report anything they see which they know is wrong.

## Security

We ensure your child is taught in a safe and secure environment in many ways by:

- ❖ Having one entranceway to the school building for visitors and ensuring all visitors sign in and out, and wear visitors badges
- ❖ Having termly fire drills take place
- ❖ Termly Health and Safety checks being undertaken by our governors and staff
- ❖ Risk assessments being carried out by teachers prior to any off site visits.
- ❖ Having secure playgrounds which are fenced/walled and gates locked.
- ❖ Correct ratio of adults on each playground at breaks and lunch times.

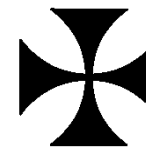
**Safer recruitment and selection** - this aspect is taken very seriously. Governors and the school ensure that all staff new to the school and volunteers who work in school undertake a DBS check and full references are acquired before the person takes up post.

**Complaints** - should parents have any complaints the school staff will listen to your concerns and will follow up any issues arising. There is a clear procedure in place which can be viewed on the website/parent policy file. The Headteacher will always be happy to meet with you and help resolve any issues. The school is committed to working closely with parents / carers for the benefit of the children. Remember no problem is too small and can often be prevented from becoming a bigger issue. If you continue to feel an issue has not been resolved then you could contact the Chair of the Governing Body (Mrs Dee Denton)

We all know that children thrive better and are able to reach their full potential when school and families work closely together. All of us here at Simms Cross are totally committed to this and we look forward to our continuing close partnership with you in the future



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## SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

