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Dear Parent/Guardian

**Information letter for Parents/Guardians about Safeguarding and Child Protection at Llantwit Major School**

Llantwit Major School is committed to the highest standards of safeguarding the children in our care, and to promoting the welfare of our pupils. As a matter of good practice, and in order that parents are aware of procedures, the school sends an annual letter to all parents detailing key points about our procedures in this area.

We have a Child Protection policy and procedures in place that apply to all staff and any volunteers working at the school. All personnel working at the school will require appropriate safeguarding checks as outlined in the school’s Safer Recruitment policy. The Safeguarding policy is on the school’s website, should you wish to view it.

Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child’s welfare. We will endeavour to ensure that any concerns about our pupils are discussed with their parents/carers first, unless we have reason to believe that this is not in the child’s best interests.

**Child Protection**

Schools must have a named school Child Protection Officer. At the time of writing, in our school our designated officer is myself, Mrs Leanne Pownall (Deputy Headteacher). In my absence, the designated officer is Mr Kevin Francis (Assistant Headteacher). The link governor for child protection is Ms Rebecca Satherley-Thomas. The designated officer follows guidance in the policy covering all aspects of child abuse, neglect, non-accidental injury and safeguarding of all pupils.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding child protection and safeguarding please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s link safeguarding member of staff:

Year 7 Mrs Hayley Marshallsay

Year 8       Miss Carys Thomas

Years 9 & 10     Mrs Sharon Cox

Years 11 to 13   Mrs Gaynor Griffiths

Yours faithfully



**Mrs Leanne Pownall**

**Deputy Headteacher**