



A School Partnership In Rural England

**Motto : 'We Aspire to Inspire'**

**Our Values** – using the initials of the names of the schools.

**K** – Kindness

**U** – Understanding

**P** – Patience

**H** – Honesty

**L** – Love

**B** – Boldness

## **Safeguarding Statement**

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*The term 'school' refers to the schools in the ASPIRE Federation: Kingswood Primary, Ulcombe CE Primary, Platts Heath Primary and Leeds and Broomfield CE Primary. The term may refer to them jointly or individually.*

At our two Church of England schools this policy will be delivered through strong links made to our Christian values:

### **Leeds & Broomfield Church of England Primary School**

At Leeds & Broomfield we build strong foundations for all; to learn, flourish and fill their hearts with God's love. Everyone is important, valued and needed to make L&B grow. We give a quality all round nurturing education which develops the whole child; If the rain came we would not fall.

*"As many hands build a house, so many hearts make a school."*

*(Matthew Ch 7 24-27)*

**RESPECT      RESILIENCE      EMPATHY      CURIOSITY      HONESTY**

Our school Christian Values support the development of the children and all within the school and local community, giving the children and staff a positive outward looking view. The pupils and staff support and help each other and the local community enabling all to flourish.

We have explored the story of Matthew (Ch 7 24-27) showing curiosity, and the children felt empathy for the builder of the house on the sand, but said they must be resilient to try again. Jesus was honest with his followers and people followed and trusted him. The story continues showing how Jesus respected all and everyone who wanted to listen and learn could – no one was turned away. This high level of inclusion and respect is what makes Leeds and Broomfield a great school community to be part of 'many hearts make a school'.

### **Ulcombe Church of England Primary School**

*"One body, many members, learning together surrounded by God's inclusive love."*  
*(Corinthians 12:12-14)*

**TRUST      RESPECT      HOPE      ENDURANCE**

Ulcombe Church of England School is a nurturing, inclusive learning space, where our uniqueness inspires trust and welcomes diversity. Our children all flourish (for however long they are with us), in an environment where learning through making choices is not only embraced but discussed and, when needed, forgiven. This allows our learners to become positive role models in *their* wider communities. The whole school community works together in unity to ensure that our practice fully reflects the passage of 1 Corinthians 12:12-14. The children and adults feel included and appreciated as one body with diverse cultures learning, working and flourishing together to accept everyone and nurture their aspirations for the future.

## Safeguarding Statement

ASPIRE Federation Primary Schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. To achieve our commitment, we will ensure continuous development and improvement of robust safeguarding processes and procedures that promote a culture of safeguarding amongst our staff and volunteers.

We are committed to inspiring, challenging and safeguarding our pupils, enabling them to become:

- Successful learners, who enjoy learning, make progress and achieve.
- Confident individuals who are able to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives.
- Responsible citizens who will make a positive contribution, both socially and economically, to society.

This is best achieved when we all work together.

The designated safeguarding leads for ASPIRE are the Executive Headteacher and Head of Schools.

The nominated governor for safeguarding is Claire Cakebread.

All adults who work in school have a responsibility to read and understand all safeguarding policies.

All adults are also expected to read the DfE guidance: **Keeping children safe in education guidance – September 2020.**

It should be read alongside statutory guidance [\*\*Working Together to Safeguard Children\*\*](#), and departmental advice [\*\*What to do if you are worried a child is being abused- Advice for practitioners.\*\*](#)

**Information sharing** is vital to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. A key factor identified in many serious case reviews (SCRs) has been a failure by practitioners to record information, to share it, to understand its significance and then take appropriate action.

**Effective working** together depends on an open approach and honest relationships between agencies. Where professionals consider that the practice of other professionals is placing children at risk of harm, they must be assertive, act swiftly and ensure that they challenge the relevant professionals in line with the Kent policy.

Schools have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism. This is referred to as Prevent.

All adults at ASPIRE are made aware of the [NSPCC Whistleblowing Advice Line](#) on **0800 028 0285**. This anonymous, free of charge service provides support to employees wishing to raise concerns about how their organisation has handled a child protection concern.

