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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to inform you of some changes to staffing within Lealands' Safeguarding Team and also to inform you about information related to safeguarding students.

Currently our Safeguarding Team consists of Mr Ward (Deputy Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead) and Miss Watson (LEAP Manager and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead). Following the departure of Mrs Oliver recently, we will be welcoming Mrs O'Cahill who will be joining us as our Safeguarding and Wellbeing Manager in July. From September, Mrs Rust (Assistant Headteacher) will be standing in for Miss Watson whilst she is on maternity leave. The Safeguarding Team will continue to work together with the rest of the staff to ensure that procedures are followed and everything possible is done to keep our students safe.

As you may have seen on the national news recently, the Department for Education have written a report on the issue of sexual abuse in schools and colleges and have contacted schools with their recommendations following the review. We are confident that we fulfil all the recommendations given and that our staff know what to do and who to report to, if there are concerns related to safeguarding of our students. We also believe that the vast majority of our students understand their responsibilities in helping to keep each other safe and know who they should report to if they have any worries or concerns.

One issue that parents and carers are often concerned about is the safety of their children online. We know that these concerns have increased amongst many parents during the periods of national lockdown. We have some extremely useful information on our school website which gives advice on how to help keep children safe online but if you have specific concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me.

Safeguarding is an area that we should never be complacent about but we are confident that our systems and procedures are in place to ensure that safeguarding is effective and that we have an extremely proficient and hardworking team of staff. In order to remain confident, we rely on all the members of our community to report concerns if they have them. Parents and carers play an important role in this and we trust that if you have any concerns about the safety or well-being of any of our students, you will report them to the relevant member of staff.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions relating to safeguarding or wellbeing of your child.

Yours sincerely

Mr S J Ward
Deputy Headteacher