

At Burham CE Primary School we always strive to ensure we provide safe and effective care for all our children. To help us ensure that we are doing everything possible we decided to commission a safeguarding review in May 2017 by the Area Education Safeguarding Advisor (West Kent). Below are just a few of the many positive comments made in the report:-

'In my opinion there was clear evidence of appropriate and effective systems in school to ensure that children's needs are identified and support/interventions are sought and provided. Ms Grima takes her role as Senior DSL very seriously and appears to have a solid understanding of safeguarding.'

'All members of staff spoken with were clear how to record and refer any concerns about children and who they would go to if the Headteacher was not available.'

'I met with the student council, with ten pupils from a range of year groups. The pupils were all very positive about the school and overall feel safe. Several of the students talked about how much safer they now feel at school with the new gate and fences.'

'The pupils spoke about an online safety day at the school. There were visible posters from this day in the computer room and throughout the school. Furthermore, there were also Safeguarding posters for a variety of Safeguarding issues visible throughout the school.'

'The student council also showed me a bulletin board in the main corridor of the school where students can write suggestions or wishes for the school and then a member of the SLT responds to the request. They were proud of the way they felt they were listened to and the staff responded.'

[At the school gate] *'At least one if not all three staff members welcome each child by name and spoke to many of the parents. In my opinion this showed an open and comfortable atmosphere in the school.'*

'During the day I observed the school to be well managed and well ordered, with pupils travelling around the campus in a safe and quiet manner. I did not observe any poor behaviour by students, and inside of buildings were litter free, clean and tidy. I did not hear any shouting or inappropriate language and students were polite and helpful.'

'In my opinion there is a safe culture within this school, where students and staff feel esteemed and supported.'