

**Bentley West Primary School** 



## CHILD PROTECTION STATEMENT

The Bentley Federation fully recognizes its responsibilities for child protection.

Our schools believe in promoting the welfare of children and their right to be safe.

The ethos of our schools must make the children feel secure; promote self-confidence, selfesteem and a feeling of self-worth amongst its pupils.

Our policy applies to all staff, governors and volunteers working in the schools. There are five main elements to our policy:

- Ensuring we practice safe recruitment in checking the suitability of staff and volunteers to work with children.
- Raising awareness of Child Protection issues and equipping children with the skills needed to keep them safe.
- Developing and then implementing procedures for identifying and reporting cases, or suspected cases, of abuse.
- Supporting pupils who have been abused in accordance with his/her agreed child protection plan.
- Establishing a safe environment in which children can learn and develop.