

# EIGHT PRINCIPLES OF CONDUCT AND PRACTICE

*All adults in a classroom setting should:*

- 1) Put the wellbeing, development and progress of children and young people first;
- 2) Take responsibility for maintaining the quality of their teaching practice;
- 3) Help children and young people to become confident and successful learners;
- 4) Demonstrate respect for diversity and promote equality;
- 5) Strive to establish productive partnerships with parents and carers;
- 6) Work as part of a whole-school team;
- 7) Co-operate with other professional colleagues;
- 8) Demonstrate honesty.

## DOs AND DONTs IF A CHILD DISCLOSES

- 1) Listen and believe in the child
- 2) Try not to interrupt
- 3) Tell the child they have done the right thing by telling you
- 4) Tell them what you are going to do and what will happen next
- 5) Make accurate notes using the **child's words** as soon as possible  
(Record time, date and behaviour; use body map if appropriate)
- 6) Inform your Line Manager/Supervisor/Designated Person for Child Protection. The designated person for Safeguarding at West Croft is the Head Teacher and the Learning Mentor is the deputy designated person.

## DO NOT

- 1) Do not make false promises, i.e. that you will keep the secret
- 2) Do not conduct an interview; allow the child to tell its story
- 3) Do not ask leading questions or ask the child to repeat the story over and over

**No-one can handle it alone - effectively**