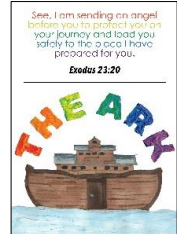


St Michael's CE (A) Primary School and The Ark



Protocol for Pastoral Support of Vulnerable Pupils At St Michael's and The Ark, we recognise that there are a group of pupils who have been or may be in a vulnerable position. This may be as a result of social care involvement at Child Protection, Child in Need or Early Help, previous social care involvement, bereavement, having no recourse to public funds, suffering/suffered or witnessing/witnessed domestic abuse and violence, having a member of their family with a significant illness etc. The list is not exhaustive and is regularly updated by the Headteacher in liaison with the pupil's class teacher. As a Church of England primary school, we believe that these pupils need to know that they are loved and 'held in mind' by someone they trust. To uphold this belief, pupils are regularly offered the opportunity to meet with the school's teaching assistant with pastoral responsibility or a member of the Senior Leadership Team. In addition, any vulnerable pupil that is absent from school will have a follow up informal chat with the teaching assistant with pastoral responsibility on their return to school.

All absences for vulnerable pupils are followed up on the day of absence by the school's Attendance Officer in line with the school's Attendance Policy and, where necessary, a home visit is made.

Kate Jackson Spring Term 2023