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The Trinity Catholic Primary School is committed to the principles of working together to safeguard children which states that a child centered approach is fundamental to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of every child. A child centered approach

means keeping the child in focus when making decisions about their lives and working in partnership with them and their families.

The following statement is provided to parent/carers so they are aware of the school's responsibilities.

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The school will always seek to work in partnership with parents and other agencies to ensure the best possible outcomes for the child and the family.