



Safeguarding Statement for The Beaconsfield School

Safeguarding legislation and government guidance says that safeguarding means:-

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's health and development
- Ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care.
- Taking action to allow all children and young people to have the best outcomes.

The health, safety and well-being of every child are our paramount concern. We listen to our students and take seriously what they tell us. Our aim is that children will enjoy their time as students in this school. We want to work in partnership with you to help your child to achieve their full potential and make a positive contribution to the world they will be part of in the future.

In fulfilling our obligations, this policy has been developed in accordance with the principles established by the Children Acts 1989 and 2004; and in line with the following:

- "Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018"
- Buckinghamshire Multi-Agency Information Sharing for Children, Young People & Families – Code of Practice for sharing personal information, March 2015.
- "Keeping Children Safe in Education"- statutory guidance for schools and further education colleges. September 2018
- Statutory Guidance issued under section 29 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015
- Serious Crimes Act 2015
- Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment between Children – May 2018
- The Equality Act 2010
- The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

To promote a safe environment for students, our selection and recruitment policy includes all checks on staff and regular volunteers' suitability, including Disclosure and Barring Service checks, as recommended by Buckinghamshire County Council in accordance with current legislation.

The Designated Person for Child Protection is Mrs L Gattward, Deputy Headteacher, the other safeguarding leads in the school are Mr J Fletcher, Head Teacher, Mr M Brannon, Assistant Head and Mrs A Wood, safeguarding specialist. There are 6 other staff whose names are displayed in school. All have received appropriate training for this role. It is their responsibility to ensure that all staff in contact with children receives child protection awareness training on a regular basis.

Occasions do arise when our concern about a child may mean that we have to consult other agencies. Unless it is not safe for a child, we would always aim to achieve this with a parent's consent.

On very rare occasions Social Care, whilst undertaking an investigation under section 47 of the Children Act 1989, may want to speak to a child without the parents' knowledge. This would be a decision made in collaboration with partner agencies and would only be done in situations where a child might be at immediate risk. To gain consent at this point may increase the level of risk to the child or cause evidence of a crime to be lost.

The procedures, which we follow, have been laid down by the Local Safeguarding Children's Board, and the school has adopted a Child Protection Policy, Behaviour Policy and SEN Policy in line with this for the safety of all. If you want to know more about our procedures please contact Mrs L Gattward, Deputy Headteacher or Mrs S Cook, SENCO.

Please contact The Beaconsfield School for The Child Protection Policy.

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