

Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy Summary

We recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all pupils. We endeavour to provide a safe and welcoming environment where children are respected and valued. We are alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and follow our procedures to ensure that children receive effective support, protection and justice. The procedures contained in this policy apply to all staff, volunteers and governors and are consistent with those of GEMS.

Policy principles:

- This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young
 people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Representatives of
 the whole school community of pupils, parents, staff, volunteers and governors will
 therefore be involved in reviewing, shaping and developing the school's safeguarding
 arrangements and child protection policy.
- All staff have an equal responsibility to act on any suspicion or disclosure that may suggest a child is at risk of harm at home, in the community or in school
- All staff members will maintain an attitude of 'It could happen here' where safeguarding is concerned. When concerned about the welfare of a child, staff members should always act in the interests of the child.
- If, at any point, there is a risk of immediate serious harm to a child, a referral will be made
 to relevant statutory body and public services. Anybody can make a referral. If the
 child's situation does not appear to be improving, any staff member with concerns should
 press for re-consideration. Concerns should always lead to help for the child at some
 stage.
- The school's responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children is of paramount importance
- All children, regardless of age, gender, ability, culture, race, language, religion or sexual identity, have equal rights to protection

Policy aims:

- To provide all staff with the necessary information to enable them to meet their safeguarding and child protection responsibilities
- To ensure consistent good practice across the wider network of GEMS
- To demonstrate the school's commitment with regard to safeguarding and child protection to pupils, parents and other partners
- To contribute to the school's safeguarding portfolio





