

Safeguarding Policy

INTRODUCTION

This policy applies to all staff, including senior managers, the Board of Trustees, paid staff, consultants, agency staff, volunteers, students or anyone working on behalf of Birmingham Education Partnership.

The purpose of this policy is to protect children and young people and to provide everyone with the overarching principles that guide our approach to safeguarding and child protection. We do this by:

- Adopting child protection guidelines through a code of behaviour for staff and non-staff who are undertaking work on our behalf.
- Sharing information about concerns with the schools we are working with and liaising with their Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) to report as necessary.
- Sharing information about concerns with the Local Authority Safeguarding Lead where it is not appropriate to manage concerns via the schools Designated Safeguarding Lead.
- Following carefully the procedures for recruitment and selection of staff and volunteers including the application and regular monitoring of Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks
- Providing effective management for staff through supervision, support and training
- Appointing an in-house Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSO) and a lead board member for safeguarding
- Ensuring that we have effective complaints and whistle blowing measures in place
- Recording and storing information professionally and securely

We recognise that:

- The welfare of the child is paramount, as enshrined in the Children Act 1989
- All children regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have a right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse
- Some children are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs and/or other issues.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

It is the policy of Birmingham Education Partnership to safeguard the welfare of all children and young people by protecting them from all forms of abuse including physical, emotional and sexual harm. We are committed to practise in a way that protects them.

Personnel should at all times show respect and understanding for individual's rights, safety and welfare, and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the ethos and principles of Birmingham Education Partnership

MONITORING AND REVIEW

The policy will be reviewed every 6 months or in the following circumstances:

- Changes in legislation and/or government guidance
- As a result of any other significant change or event.

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