

Parent Friendly
Safeguarding
Policy

The Beacon Folkestone will endeavour to keep pupils safe and free from harm.

We are committed to playing a full and active part in the multi-agency response to safeguarding concerns. Additionally, the school has a legal duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of our pupils. Our Policy does reflect Local Authority requirements.

Through our day to day contact with pupils, and direct work with families Beacon Staff have a crucial role to play in noticing indicators of possible safeguarding concerns. Parents/carers should be aware that as part of our procedures we may have to report any serious concerns to social services / police immediately.

Parents / carers of pupils who sustain accidental injuries which result in cuts / bruises / fractures should inform the school at the earliest convenience to avoid any misunderstanding or miscommunication.

Principles

Pupils have a right to be safe.

Parent / carers have a right to be informed.

Pupils are best protected when parents/carers and school work together to safeguard and support our children and young people.

Principles into practice

In order to ensure children are effectively protected we ensure that:

The Senior Leadership Team are all Designated Safeguarding Leads with responsibility for safe-guarding and child protection

All staff are trained in Child Protection awareness annually and receive regular safeguarding updates

A parent friendly and child friendly safeguarding leaflet are provided for children and their families *

The Safeguarding Policy is available on the school website

The Safeguarding Policy is reviewed annually by the Governing Body

The Governors oversee all matters pertaining to safeguarding policy and practice within the school

Safeguarding reports are provided to the full governing body termly

Partnership

School will inform parents / carers of any concerns about their children (providing it does not compromise the pupil's safety) and will help and support them as necessary.

Prevention

Staff at The Beacon Folkestone will take positive actions to safeguard pupils through the development of an open culture that informs pupils of their rights and encourages them to speak about any concerns. The school will also address the issue of pupil's safety through the curriculum.

Responding to concerns

Staff at the Beacon Folkestone will respond to concerns in regards to the safeguarding of pupils through the appropriate agencies.

Staff at the Beacon Folkestone will discuss with parents any concerns they have about pupils, where appropriate parents/carers will be kept informed of the outcomes of any incidents, discussions, communications or actions relating to their child, young person.

Child protection conferences

We will attend conferences and provide information about children and families. This information will be shared with parents and carers beforehand. We will keep confidential child protection records separately from a pupil's academic and other records.

Pupil to pupil concerns

Safeguarding concerns raised by pupils relating to other pupils will be dealt with through the school's Anti-Bullying Policy where appropriate. Parents/carers will be kept informed.

Confidentiality

Under new government guidance only information that is relevant and required to ensure the safety and well-being of all adults and young people that access The Beacon Folkestone will be stored by The Beacon Folkestone.

Information from parents about possible child abuse cannot be kept confidential. Information and records about children on the Child Protection Register will be given only to those people who need it and will be kept strictly confidential by them.

A full copy of the schools Safeguarding Policy is available on request and on our Website - <http://thebeacon.kent.sch.uk>

If you require any further information or have any safeguarding concerns, you can contact the Multi-Agency Support Team on 01303 847555.

Update schedule

Version	Reviewed	Reason for Update	Next review date	Governor agreement
1	May 2017	New	May 2018	N/A
2	July 18	Annual Review	July 19	N/A
3	July 2019	Annual Review	July 2020	30.09.19
4	July 2020	Annual Review	July 2021	
5	May 2022	Annual Review	May 2023	23.05.22
6	June 2023	Annual Review	June 2024	July 2023