



# Parent-friendly Safeguarding **Procedure**

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The Beacon 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, The 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 are to report any concerns to social services / police immediately.

To avoid any misunderstandings, parents / carers of pupils who sustain accidental injuries which result in cuts / bruises / fractures should inform the school without delay.

## **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 can work together.

## **Partnership**

School will inform parent / 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 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 will respond to concerns in regards to the safeguarding of pupils through the appropriate agencies.

Staff at The Beacon will discuss with parents any concerns they have about pupils, where appropriate parents/carers will be kept informed of what has happened.

## **Pupil to pupil concerns**

Safeguarding concerns of pupils by other pupils will be dealt with through the school's Anti-Bullying Policy. 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 will be stored by The Beacon.

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	March 2024	Format Updated	March 2025	