



Reaside Academy

Safeguarding Statement

At Reaside Academy, we take the safeguarding of our children very seriously. We are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for children, staff and visitors. We aim to promote an environment in which children and adults will feel confident about sharing any concerns which they may have about their own safety or the well-being of others. We expect all children and adults working with the school to share this commitment.

We hope the following information will help you to understand our approaches to safeguarding so that you can play your part in keeping our children safe.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact a member of the senior leadership team

At Reaside Academy, we are by law required to contact Social Services if we have safeguarding concerns:-

We have adopted the definition of safeguarding used in the Children Act 2004, and in the government's guidance document *Working together to safeguard children*. This can be summarised as:

- **protecting children and young people from maltreatment**
- **preventing impairment of children and young people's health or development**
- **ensuring that children and young people are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care**
- **undertaking that role so as to enable those children and young people to have optimum life chances and to enter adulthood successfully.**

Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with his/her parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.



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Our procedures are clearly set out in our Child Protection Policy. A copy is available from the school office, or from the school website.

Further information and support regarding Safeguarding Issues can be found at the following websites:

<http://www.lscbbirmingham.org.uk/> <http://www.nspcc.org.uk/> <http://www.barnardos.org.uk/>

Anyone with concerns relating to child protection should speak to one of the designated leads:-

**Sandra Wiseman (HT/DSL),
Kerry Lawrence (Lead DSL), Jayne Kavanagh (Deputy DSL),
Stephanie Black (Deputy DSL)**

If you have any concerns about child protection, you can also contact the Birmingham CASS team 0121 303 1888