

Where to go for more information

We have other policies that help us to keep your child safe. You can find these on our website, or ask for a copy from the school office.

- Safeguarding and Child Protection
- Behaviour
- Staff code of conduct
- Whistle-blowing
- Anti-bullying
- Allegations against staff
- Attendance
- Child sexual exploitation
- Radicalisation and extremism
- Children missing from education
- Recruitment and selection
- Internet safety

www.bartonhillbristol.org

External sources

Keeping children safe in education: statutory guidance for schools and colleges, Department for Education (Adobe pdf file)

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/550511/Keeping_children_safe_in_education.pdf

Safeguarding children: what organisations need to do to protect children from harm, NSPCC

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/safeguarding/>

For more information about Bristol's approach to safeguarding as a city go to; www.bristolsafeguarding.org

Safeguarding in School Information for Parents



Barton Hill Academy

Responsibility

Excellence

Success

Pride

Equality

Compassion

Tenacity

INFORMATION ON HOW WE KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE



What is safeguarding?

Schools have a statutory responsibility to keep children safe from harm. We safeguard children by:

- Protecting children from abuse and maltreatment
- Preventing harm to children's health or development
- Ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcomes

What are schools expected to do?

Schools must comply with the current safeguarding guidance from the Department for Education, called Keeping Children Safe in Education. This means, for example:

- Having a designated safeguarding lead (DSL), who is trained to support staff, contribute to assessing children and talk with other agencies that might need to be involved with your family or child.

- Having a child protection policy and procedures covering specific safeguarding issues

- Ensuring that adults working in the school are safe to work with children, by carrying out background checks (through the Disclosure and Barring Service) and having someone on interview panels who is trained in 'safer recruitment'

- Ensuring that all staff receive safeguarding and child protection training, and that this is regularly updated

What does safeguarding look like in our school?

- *We protect information about your child and only share it appropriately*
- *We respond appropriately to an unplanned absence, or to a pattern of poor attendance*
- *We have an open and honest relationship with parents/carers. We will discuss worries or concerns about your child/ren with you.*

Key terms

Abuse – abuse is a form of maltreatment of a child. Somebody may abuse or neglect a child by inflicting harm or by failing to act to prevent harm

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check – a certificate of checks carried out on those working with children and vulnerable people. Those who work regularly with children require a more in-depth DBS check

Safer recruitment – recruiting staff using thorough checks on their suitability to work with children, including the right to work in the UK, and mental and physical fitness to carry out their responsibilities

- *We track concerns about children confidentially*
- *We teach pupils about safeguarding issues, including how to respond to concerns and how to keep themselves safe, in lessons on personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education*
- *We supervise pupils as they enter and leave the school building at the start and end of the day*
- *We make sure children know who to talk to if they are worried about anything.*

FAQs

Who should I speak to for more information, or if I have a safeguarding concern?

You can speak to any member of staff, but we recommend that your first point of contact is your child's teacher, DSL: Mrs. Tovey or Safeguarding Manager and deputy DS: Mrs. Myring.

Whom should my child speak to if he/she has a concern?

Your child can speak to any adult in school. The adult will refer to the DSL if there is a concern about the safety of the child.

How can I access more relevant information or policies?

More information about safeguarding and other related policies and procedures can be found on the school's website www.bartonhillbristol.org

From there you can also download the full Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.