



Safeguarding Statement

The Beacon is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

We have a number of policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment, including our Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy, which can be viewed in the policies section on our website.

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 parents / carers first, unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

We actively support the Government's Prevent Agenda to counter radicalism and extremism.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Steve Miles (Deputy Head, Pastoral). Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs) are Georgie Thomas (Head of Geography) and Sandy Drury (School Counsellor).

Our additional safeguarding leads are Matt Davies (Head of SAS), Trevor Powell (Deputy Head of Middle School), Joshua Porter (Head of Computing) and Ann Phipps (Deputy Head of Lower School). The Governor with responsibility for safeguarding in our school is Mr Tom Hockedy.

The Buckinghamshire Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) First Response Team

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Photographs and Video

Whilst lots of parents and carers really enjoy seeing photos and videos of their children's school life, we are very mindful of our duty of care towards all our pupils. We take the issue of safeguarding very seriously and this includes the use of photographic and video images.

Any photographs or videos taken by parents, carers and relatives at school productions, Sports Days or other events are for the enjoyment of individual families. They must not be used in any way that could potentially place a child at risk. This would include publishing images in any form of print or on the internet, including social networking sites. This is particularly emphasised for concerts and school productions and, where practical, a record of parents and relatives taking photographs or videos will be made.

We understand that in exceptional circumstances a parent or carer may not wish their child to be photographed or videoed in this way, and parents / carers should indicate this when filling in the media consent form.

Occasionally, the local press will be invited to take photographs of school events and special achievements. We like to use photographs of our children on our website, in school documents, for parent information meetings, newsletters and on our display screens around the school. If you do not wish photographs of your child to be used for these purposes, then please indicate this in the media consent form.