



BEECHEN CLIFF

Essential Information for Partner Agencies

What you should do if you are worried about a child's safety

In the unlikely event that there will be any safeguarding concerns it is your duty to report it to **our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Mr Hall or our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL's) Mr Morris or Ms Mather.**

Tel: 01225 480466 or,
email to: **orange@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk**

Concerns could include:

- An adult acting inappropriately towards a pupil.
- Hearing a pupil, or pupils, discuss behaviours which could put them at risk.
- Hearing or observing evidence of a pupil adopting beliefs and engaging in activities which are harmful, criminal or dangerous.
- Observing bruising or other marks on a pupil's body. This includes deliberate scratch marks.
- Observing a pupil, or pupils, treating another pupil unkindly.

Alerts

- You may see physical signs
- You may hear worrying accounts
- You may pick up on emotional distress
- You may notice changes in a pupil's behaviour
- Someone may make a disclosure of abuse

Harm to a pupil/student can be caused by:

- A parent or carer
- A family member or friend
- Another child
- A stranger
- A member of staff or a volunteer
- Over the internet

Safeguarding, 10 essentials

1. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.
2. **It can happen anywhere.**
3. Always act in the **best interests** of the child.
4. If you have any **concerns**, act on them **immediately**. Phone the DSL or Deputy DSL's or email **orange@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk**
5. If you are unsure, **always** speak to someone. "If there is any doubt, there is no doubt." **Do not assume** a colleague will take action.
6. If a pupil makes a disclosure, **listen, reassure and respond. Try not to ask any leading questions.**
7. **Remember do NOT promise confidentiality.**
8. Use **TED – tell, explain and/or describe** to capture information a pupil shares.
9. If you cannot speak to anyone in school, you can also contact Children's Social Care directly on 01225 3963111/01225 477929.
10. If you have a safeguarding concern about a member of Beechen Cliff staff please email the Headteacher via **headteacher@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk**

Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

Beechen Cliff School follows the MNSP Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy. This is available on the Safeguarding page on the school website: **www.beechencliff.org.uk** and the **MNSP Website**.

Beechen Cliff School is committed to ensuring the welfare and safety of all our pupils, students and staff and we fully recognise our responsibilities for child protection and safeguarding. This conforms to guidance issued by the Local Authority.

Safeguarding is about being proactive in taking action where we have concerns.