



PRESTON MUSLIM GIRLS
— HIGH SCHOOL —

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SAFEGUARDING POLICY

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Preston Muslim Girls High School fully recognises the contribution we can make to protect children.

This policy will give clear direction to all stakeholders about expectations and our legal and moral responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children at our school.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the physical, mental and emotional welfare of every pupil. We implement a whole-school preventative approach to managing safeguarding concerns, ensuring that the wellbeing of pupils is at the forefront of all action taken. We strive to ensure that consistent and effective safeguarding procedures are in place to support families, students and staff at school.

This policy sets out a clear and consistent framework for delivering this promise, in line with safeguarding legislation and statutory guidance. It will be achieved by:

- Ensuring that members of the governing board, the headteacher, staff and all stakeholders understand their responsibilities under safeguarding legislation and statutory guidance, are alert to the signs of child abuse, and know to refer concerns to the DSL. In addition, to ensure that staff are aware that ANYONE can make a referral and understand professional challenge.
- Teaching pupils how to keep safe and recognise behaviour that is unacceptable. • Identifying and making provision for any pupil that has been subject to, or is at risk of, abuse, neglect, or exploitation.
- Creating a culture of safer recruitment by adopting procedures that help deter, reject or identify people who might pose a risk to children.
- Endeavour to provide a safe and welcoming environment where children are respected and valued; where the voice of the child is listened to and is paramount.
- Where it is believed that a child is at risk of or is suffering significant harm, the school will follow the procedures set out by our local Safeguarding Children Partnership arrangements.

Law and Guidance This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation and statutory guidance including, but not limited to:

- Education Act 2002: Section 175 of the Education Act 2002 requires local education authorities and the governors of maintained schools and further education (FE) colleges to make arrangements to ensure that their functions are carried out with a view to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Section 157 of the same act and the Education (Independent Schools Standards) (England) Regulations 2003 require proprietors of independent schools (including academies) to have arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.
- Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 guides education establishments of their role within inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. This is the government's statutory guidance for all organisations and agencies who work with, or carry out work related to, children in the United Kingdom.



- Keeping Children Safe in Education, September 2023: The Department for Education (DfE) has updated the statutory safeguarding and child protection guidance for schools and colleges in England, Keeping Children Safe in Education. This guidance sets out what schools and colleges in England must do to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people under the age of 18.
- Guidance for Safer Working Practice 2022 • The Children Act 1989 & 2004
- The Prevent Duty – The Prevent duty is the duty in the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 that sets out guidance for the LA and its partners to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.
- Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 as inserted by the Serious Crime Act 2015
- Sexual Offences Act 2003
- Equality Act 2010
- Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015
- Domestic Abuse Act 2021 • PACE Code C 2019
- Data Protection Act 2018
- Marriage and Civil Partnership Act 2022 Relevant Non-statutory guidance
- DfE (2015) 'What to do if you're worried a child is being abused'
- DfE (2018) 'Information sharing' • DfE (2020) 'Governance handbook'
- DfE (2017) 'Child sexual exploitation'
- DfE (2022) 'Recruit teachers from overseas'
- UKCIS (2020) 'Sharing nudes and semi-nudes: advice for education settings working with children and young people'
- DfE (2022) 'Working together to improve school attendance'
- DfE (2023) 'Meeting digital and technology standards in schools and colleges'

The purpose of this safeguarding policy is to ensure every pupil at Preston Muslim Girls High School is safe and protected from harm. The Department for Education (DfE) 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (September 2023), states safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined for the purposes of this guidance as:

- Protecting children from maltreatment;
- Preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development;
- Ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes