

## **Safeguarding Statement**

### **Principle**

Brentside High School recognises that the welfare of the child is paramount and takes seriously its responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of the students in its care. The school believes that all children and young people have the right to grow up in a safe and caring environment, which includes the right to protection from all types of abuse.

The students in our care have the right to expect adults in positions of responsibility to do everything possible to foster these rights. They have the right to be safeguarded from harm or exploitation whatever their

- race, religion, first language or ethnicity
- gender or sexuality
- age
- health or disability
- political or immigration status

Governors, staff and volunteers in this school understand the importance of working in partnership with children, their parents/carers and other agencies in order to promote children's welfare.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the policies which follow this statement is to:

- afford protection for the students at Brentside
- enable staff and volunteers to safeguard and promote the welfare of children
- promote a culture which makes this school a safer place to learn

### **Scope**

All policies apply to the Headteacher, all staff (including supply and peripatetic staff), volunteers, governors or anyone working on behalf of Brentside High School.

We will endeavour to safeguard children and young people by:

- valuing them, listening to and respecting them
- involving them in decisions which affect them
- making sure all staff and volunteers are aware of and committed to the safeguarding policy and child protection procedures
- sharing information about concerns with agencies who need to know, and involving children and their parents/carers appropriately
- recruiting staff and volunteers safely, ensuring all necessary checks are made
- adopting a code of conduct for all staff and volunteers
- providing effective management through induction, support and training
- ensuring staff and volunteers understand about 'whistle blowing'
- dealing appropriately with allegations/concerns about staff or volunteers, in accordance with Government guidance

Related policies: Child Protection, Health and Safety, Whistle Blowing, SEN, Behaviour, Exclusion and Suspension.