



## King's Park Secondary School

### Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy & Procedures

#### INTRODUCTION

At King's Park Secondary School, we recognise that all staff have a crucial role in the support and protection of young people, as well as the development of their wellbeing. All staff know that they are expected to identify and consider the young person's needs and share information and concerns with other agencies to improve outcomes for the young person.

*Everyone has a responsibility to protect young people and protected adults.*

*Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy, Education Scotland (2023)*

Our policy has been created in keeping with National and local guidance including the National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland (updated 2023) and Management Circular 57. We strive to create and maintain a positive ethos and climate which actively promotes child welfare and a safe environment by:

- Ensuring as far as possible that the school environment is a positive, safe space for young people.
- Ensuring that young people are respected and listened to.
- Providing a point of support for young people (Principal Teacher of Pupil Support)
- Ensuring programmes of health and personal safety are central to the curriculum.
- Ensuring that staff are aware of child protection issues and procedures.
- Conducting open conversations inside and outside the classroom to help young people recognise potentially abusive behaviours, identify trusted adults who they can talk to and offer information about support services.
- Providing young people with opportunities to learn about sexual health and relationships through our Personal and Social Education (PSE) curriculum.
- Providing young people with opportunities to learn about drug/alcohol abuse, relationships, honour-based violence, FGM and bullying through our PSE curriculum.
- Establishing and maintaining close working relationships with all other agencies to make sure that professionals collaborate effectively in protecting young people.

#### WHAT DO WE MEAN BY CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING?

**Child Protection** is the process involved in consideration, assessment and planning of required action, together with the actions themselves, where there are concerns that a young person may be at risk of harm from abuse, neglect or exploitation.

**Safeguarding** is a much wider concept than child protection and refers to promoting the welfare of young people. It encompasses protecting from maltreatment, preventing impairment of their health or development, ensuring that they are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care, and taking action to enable all young people to have the best outcomes.

**Article 19: Every child has the right to be safe from violence, abuse and neglect.**