

Biggar Learning Community Child Protection Policy

This policy has been written with the following legislation underpinning it and which provide the rationale.

Rationale

Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 19: Children have the right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated, physically or mentally. Governments should ensure that children are properly cared for and protect them from violence, abuse and neglect by their parents, or anyone else who looks after them.

Article 28: Young people should be encouraged to reach the highest level of education they are capable of.

Article 29: Children's education should develop each child's personality, talents and abilities to the fullest. It should encourage children to respect others' human rights and their own and other cultures.

All agencies that deliver child services and work with children and Families have a responsibility to recognise and actively consider Potential risks to a child. They are expected to identify and consider The child's needs, share information and concerns with other agencies To improve outcomes for the child.

National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland 2014

Safeguarding is the golden thread that runs through the curriculum. The Aim is to support the development of learners knowledge, skills and Resilience to keep themselves safe and protect themselves and to develop understanding of the world so that they can respond to a range of issues and potential risky situations arising throughout their lives.

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Principles

We aim to create an environment in which all our pupils *are* safe and *feel* safe in our schools.

Children and young people will be listened to and concerns heard

Children and young people will be supported to develop as confident individuals who can express their thoughts and feelings

All adults working with children and young people in our schools will undertake SLC Child Protection training and attend annual updates

The adults who work in our schools will provide a strong, robust and proactive response to prevent / reduce the risk of harm to our pupils. The adults know and understand the indicators that may suggest that a child / young person is suffering or at risk of suffering harm (HGIOS IV)

Health and Wellbeing programmes will support the development of knowledge, understanding and skills to support keeping our pupils/young people safe

Procedures

We follow the procedures as set out in the south Lanarkshire Council C.P. guidance and policy documentation.

Should a disclosure or allegation be made the following procedures **MUST** be followed.