

Safeguarding & Child Protection at Meden School

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Why have a newsletter?

Safeguarding and Child Protection is such an important issue for our students that we have decided to produce a half termly newsletter that shares key information and advice with parents and carers so that we can all work together with the same aim of keeping the students of Meden school safe at school and in the wider community.

Safeguarding relates to so many different areas of life at Meden School including children's physical health and safety, mental wellbeing, attendance, managing medical conditions, internet safety, substance misuse, bullying, the dangers of radicalisation, child sexual exploitation, gang culture, FGM, neglect, domestic violence, forced marriages, sex and relationships education, British Values and even road safety! Whatever the situation, we are determined to ensure that all our students are supported, protected and educated to

make positive choices to keep themselves and others safe.

At Meden School we feel it is vital to work with both parents/carers and the high quality agencies that support schools and young people, to offer a safe environment that allows children to be aware of the risks they may face, and how to respond to them safely.

We hope that our Personal Development curriculum gives our students the opportunity to explore many of these issues in a safe environment where they can ask questions and raise concerns as they need to.

This will empower them to make positive choices and to keep themselves safe as they develop and progress as individuals.

If you have any concerns relating to safeguarding involving a member of our school community you can contact a member of our DSL Team on the email below.

dsl@medenschool.co.uk

Personal Development

Personal Development is the main way that we safeguard our students. PD sessions are delivered by your child's tutor during specific periods of the day.

The purpose of the PD curriculum is to ensure that students are taught about the risks they face in our modern world and how they can keep themselves safe through positive action and choice. In PD sessions students are given time to reflect on

behaviours and situations that present a risk to them, so that they can identify the dangers they face. During PD sessions students will learn about engaging topics such as:

- Online Safety
- Neglect
- Healthy Relationships

PD sessions are specially planned to meet the needs of our students by Mr.T Bentley and this curriculum enables us to respond to the needs of our students.

Useful Terms and Acronyms about Safeguarding.

DSL

Designated Safeguarding Lead. A member of staff who has had advanced Safeguarding Training. Usually a Head of Year.

DBS

Disclosure and Barring Service. Used to make safe recruitment decisions.

MASH

Multi Agency Support Hub. The NCC single point of contact to report all safeguarding concerns.

TAC

Team Around the Child. A meeting as part of Early Help to create a plan to support a child.

TAF

Team Around the Family. A meeting as part of Early Help to create a strategy to support a family.

NSCP

Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership. A partnership of organisations in Notts that work to safeguard children.

The role of the DSL at Meden School

DSLs play a vital role in taking responsibility for safeguarding the students of Meden School. The DSLs will lead on all serious Child Protection concerns at Meden. We have 10 members of staff who are DSL trained, with Mr. Penman being the Senior DSL. The full list of staff who are DSL trained is listed on the right of this page. A DSL is always available during school hours for parents or staff to discuss safeguarding concerns.

DSLs are contactable by phone or on the DSL email

dsl@medenschool.co.uk

DSLs are trained to take on the most complex cases and this training is updated every two years, with additional training and conferences

The DSLs have many responsibilities including working with staff and agencies involved in safeguarding children, giving staff advice, managing staff referrals, investigating concerns to ensure they are dealt with quickly and efficiently, managing records and making sure they are up to date with safeguarding knowledge.

Safeguarding Information at Meden School

As a commitment to safeguarding our students we aim to provide clear and detailed information to both parents and students. Our website is fully up to date with a range of information and links that can help you and your child. Full details can be found on the link below.

<https://www.medenschool.co.uk/page.php?p=wellbeing>

If you have any concerns about a student or any member of our community you can contact the Notts MASH Team on the out of office number below.

0300 456 4546

You can also contact MASH during office hours on the number below. Referrals can be made anonymously on.

0300 500 80 90

MASH will also take online referrals on their website.

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/childrens-social-care/nottinghamshire-children-and-families-alliance/pathway-to-provision/multi-agency-safeguarding-hub-mash>

**Thank you for supporting us in safeguarding
all our students**

Useful Terms and Acronyms about Safeguarding.

CP

Child Protection.

A specific issue that a student needs protecting from.

Safeguarding

The whole school approach to keep our students safe and aware of risk so they can thrive as individuals.

Early Help

Intervention to prevent a situation from escalating into abuse.

Who's who at Meden?

Mr. D Penman
Snr DSL.

Miss.K Hickinbotham
Deputy DSL/ HOY 11

Mr. W Byrne
DSL / HOY 7

Mrs.F Garlick
DSL / HOY 8

Mr. M Hamer
DSL / HOY 9

Miss.C Wild
DSL / HOY 10

Miss. R Coleman DSL/
SENCo

Mrs.B Rogers DSL

Mr. G Harris DSL

Mrs. T Coulson DSL