

9. CHILD PROTECTION & WELFARE

Safeguarding Students (Child Protection)

All staff at our school understand that safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. The health, safety and well being of every child are our paramount concern. We listen to our students and take seriously what they tell us. We contribute to keeping young people safe through exploration of self-protection skills and encouragement of responsible attitudes. Our aim is that children will enjoy their time as students in this school.

We want to work in partnership with you to help your child to achieve their full potential and make a positive contribution.

Please note:

- *On rare occasions, our concern about a child may mean that we have to consult other agencies even before we contact you.*
- *The Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board has laid down the procedures, which we follow, and the school has adopted a Child Protection Policy in line with this for the safety of all.*
- *If you want to know more about our procedures or the policy, please speak to Mr. Sharpe (Head of Interventions & SENDCo - Designated Safeguarding Lead) or his deputy, Miss. Pickering (Raising Achievement Officer).*

Welfare

There is a Medical Assistant in school who deals with all issues relating to accidents and sickness.

The school only has the capacity to deal with minor ailments. When a student is not well enough to attend lessons parents will be requested to collect their child and take them home. In the case of minor accidents a First Aid trained member of staff will deal with the outcome. In all cases where this is not appropriate or possible, a paramedic will attend or the student will be taken to the local hospital at Stoke Mandeville. Parents will be contacted to inform them of this action and requested to attend.

Parents are advised to let the Medical Assistant know about any ailment or disability affecting their child. In this way a note may be made on the student's record so that due heed may be paid to this, or correct treatment given in cases of emergency.

We ask that parents complete **Form 4** in this pack to cover general medical requirements, both on and off the school site. Additionally, all prescribed medication that a student needs to take during the school day should be forwarded to this member of staff with the appropriate agreement, **Form 10/11** in this pack.

Please make sure we have emergency telephone numbers for each parent so that we may contact you appropriately. **It is most important that any changes to contact details are notified in writing to the school in order that records can be updated.**

Counselling

A confidential counselling service is available for students, although parents of students in Year 7 to 11 will be informed if their child is receiving counselling. Students may self-refer by speaking to a member of staff; appointments are then booked by Mr. Sharpe or one of the Raising Achievement Team.

If you have any doubt about the personal or medical information you should supply to the school please contact the Medical Assistant.

All information supplied to the school is treated in the strictest confidence and is only made available to a restricted number of staff who need to know.