



DOWNSIDE SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

Downside School acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice and DFE and ISI requirements.

Anyone who has concerns about a child's welfare, including if there is a concern that the child is suffering significant harm or is likely to do so, should make a referral to our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)– unless an allegation is against them or another member of staff, when the Head must be informed.

In all cases, the guidelines laid down by the Department of Education and South West Child Protection Procedures must be followed – the latter are online procedures, which are regularly updated and available from www.swcpp.org.uk. Key staff should upload this website to their desktop for instant access.

Please also refer to Downside School's 'Child Protection and Safeguarding Policies and Procedures' available from the school website here: <https://www.downside.co.uk/downside-school/parent-information/policies/>.

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