

Safeguarding

Why is child protection important?

All children have a right to protection against abuse, neglect, exploitation and violence and many organisations have a statutory duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people. A successful approach requires multi-agency collaboration and a recognition of child wellbeing at the heart of what we do.

What is the difference between child protection and safeguarding?

Safeguarding, and promoting the welfare of children, is a broader term than child protection. It encompasses protecting children from maltreatment, preventing impairment of children's health or development, and ensures children grow up in safe circumstances. Child protection is part of this definition and refers to activities undertaken to prevent children suffering, or likely to suffer, significant harm.

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Child Protection and Safeguarding are a priority to everyone at Chalfont Valley Academy. If it is felt that any child is at risk in anyway the Designated Person and Deputy Designated Person will take the necessary action. Around the academy there are posters



which show the photographs of the members of staff who are Designated Persons and also the Lead Governor for Safeguarding. If you have any worries or concerns that a child is being harmed or is at risk of being harmed, or if you receive a disclosure then please contact, Miss Sarah English (Principal), Mrs. Benise Hale (Deputy Headteacher) or any other adult within the academy who will report your concern. All Designated persons have up to date training and it is their duty to take necessary action depending upon the information shared with them.

At Chalfont Valley Academy our first priority is always the child and their welfare is paramount to us. On rare occasions when a child is at risk it may be necessary to consult with other agencies prior to contacting parents.

The procedures we follow have been laid down by the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children's Board. All members of staff have had Level 1 Safeguarding training. Staff are required to read and sign for all necessary policies related to safeguarding. All staff have read and signed for the latest document related to child protection - Keeping Children Safe - July 2015 .

Please feel reassured that confidentiality at all times is imperative. Any information shared will be treated sensitively and with confidentiality.