



QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GIRLS' SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

POLICY TITLE: Public Safeguarding Statement

REVIEWED BY: Governing Board

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Our commitment

At Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School, the safety, welfare and well-being of every student are of paramount importance. We are committed to providing a safe, caring and inclusive environment in which students are listened to, supported to flourish and able to achieve their full potential.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. We work in partnership with students, parents and carers, staff, Trustees and external agencies to identify concerns early, provide appropriate help and protect children from harm.

How we safeguard students

Our safeguarding arrangements include:

- a trained Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Deputy DSL, with additional appropriately trained staff available to provide cover;
- regular safeguarding and child protection training for staff, with all staff required to read Keeping Children Safe in Education 2026 Part One in full, together with clear procedures for reporting concerns;
- safer recruitment procedures and appropriate pre-employment checks for staff and volunteers;
- a whole-school approach to online safety, including appropriate filtering and monitoring arrangements;
- clear procedures for concerns or allegations about adults working in or on behalf of the school, including low-level concerns;
- working with Barnet Children's Social Care, the police and other safeguarding partners when a child may need additional help or protection.



Listening to students and working with families

We listen carefully to students and take what they tell us seriously. If a student shares information that suggests they or another child may be at risk, staff cannot promise to keep this confidential. Information will be shared only with those who need it in order to safeguard and support the child.

We aim to work openly and constructively with parents and carers. There may, however, be circumstances in which the school needs to seek advice from or make a referral to another agency without first discussing this with parents or carers, where doing so could place a child at greater risk, impede an investigation or otherwise be contrary to the child's welfare.

Safeguarding leadership

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Ms Anna Myatt a.myatt@qegschool.org.uk
Deputy DSL	Mrs Gulden Myint - Maternity Leave g.myint@qegschool.org.uk Mrs Maria St Ledger - Maternity Cover m.stledger@qegschool.org.uk
Safeguarding email	dsl@qegschool.org.uk
School Office	020 8449 2984 office@qegschool.org.uk

If you are worried about a child

If you have a safeguarding concern about a student, please contact the school and ask to speak to a member of the safeguarding team. During term time, safeguarding concerns can also be sent to the school's safeguarding email address above.

Barnet MASH - urgent safeguarding concern	020 8359 4066
Barnet Emergency Duty Team - outside MASH hours	020 8359 2000
Immediate danger	Call the Police on 999

Our policies and procedures

This statement provides a concise public overview of the school's safeguarding commitment. The detailed procedures followed by staff are set out in the Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and associated procedures, including the standalone Low-Level Concerns Policy.



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Our safeguarding arrangements are informed by current statutory guidance, including Keeping Children Safe in Education 2026 and Working Together to Safeguard Children 2026, and by the procedures of our local safeguarding partners. Where the school has concerns about a child, we will take appropriate action and consult or refer to external agencies where required.

For visitors and members of the school community

Everyone who comes into contact with our students has a part to play in keeping them safe. Visitors should follow the school's signing-in and safeguarding arrangements and report any concern immediately to a member of staff or the safeguarding team.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If something does not feel right, please share the concern.