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Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

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1. Introduction

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined within the *Government Guidance Working Together to Safeguard Children (March 2015)* as:

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's health and development
- Ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care

Child Protection is a part of safeguarding and refers to the specific activity that is undertaken to protect specific children who are suffering or at risk of suffering significant harm. This is underpinned by S47 of the Children Act 1989 that requires the Local Authority (LA) to investigate where there is reasonable cause to suspect a child is suffering or likely to suffer significant harm.

Barnet Education Arts Trust (BEAT) fully recognises the importance of safeguarding children and regards the safeguarding and protection of its pupils as a prime objective. We recognise that all staff, including volunteers, have a full and active part to play in protecting our pupils from harm.

The Trust will provide a caring, positive safe and stimulating environment which promotes the social, physical and moral development of the individual child.

2. Policy Aims

The aims of the policy are:-

- To support the child's development in ways that will foster security, confidence and independence
- To raise the awareness of all staff and volunteers of the need to safeguard children and of their responsibilities in identifying and reporting possible cases of abuse.
- To provide a consultation procedure with schools and other appropriate agencies concerning children known or thought to be at risk of harm.
- To emphasise the need for good levels of communication between all members of staff.
- To develop a structured procedure within the Trust which will be followed by all members of staff and volunteers in cases of suspected abuse.
- To develop and promote effective working relationships with other agencies, especially the children's schools.

- To ensure that all adults within our service who have access to children have been checked as to their suitability.

3. Implementation

The Implementation of the Trust's Safeguarding Policy will be in line with the Barnet Safeguarding Children Board (<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/bscb-home.html>) and London Child Protection Procedures (<http://www.londoncp.co.uk/index.html>).

The BEAT safeguarding implementation procedures are contained in the Barnet Education Arts Trust document Safeguarding and Child Protection Procedures and Code of Practice.

Document History

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Signed.....Chair of Trustees

Date

Signed.....Chief Executive

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