



Local Education safeguarding policy

Our safeguarding policy

This policy applies to all staff, including senior managers, paid staff, volunteers and seasonal workers, agency staff, students or anyone working on behalf of Basil Education.

Basil Paterson (part of Basil Education) is a British Council accredited English Language School.

We accept students aged 16+ on to our programmes all year round. Students under 18 may wish host families, or with their own families/designated guardians. We also, on occasion, accept students under 18 in a closed group or for individual tuition.

We seek to maintain a safe and supportive environment for the young people in our care. We accept and recognise the responsibility as follows:

- To safeguard the welfare of the young people who attend our courses
- To continually develop awareness of any issues which may harm the young people in our care
- By sharing information and acting promptly and professionally to any concern

The Designated Safeguarding Lead for Basil Paterson is Jennifer Patten, our Principal. She has level 3 (Specialist) Safeguarding Training. The Accommodation and Welfare Officers, Rachel Brough, also has level 3 Safeguarding Training. They both have an overall picture of safeguarding in the school and are involved in decision making as appropriate. We have a number of staff contactable 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on our emergency phone. They, and all other members of admin and teaching staff, have basic Safeguarding Training.

We commit to reviewing this policy every 12 months, or if there are any changes in circumstances. Jennifer Patten, (Principal), and Rachel Brough, (Accommodation and Welfare Officers), will be responsible for this.

- This policy applies to all young people attending our courses regardless of gender, ethnicity, nationality, disability, sexual orientation or religion.
- "Young Person", "Child" or "Student" in this context refers to anyone under the age of 18 who will attend, is attending or has attended Basil Paterson.
- "Safeguarding" refers to our commitment to reduce risks and provide appropriate general care for students.
- "Child Protection" refers to our commitment to protect children from any kind of abuse.
- This policy covers all employees and any other adults involved in delivering courses or support to young people in our care.