



Bedford
Greenacre
Independent
School

Safeguarding Statement

At Bedford Greenacre Independent School, the health, safety and well-being of every pupil are our paramount concern and we always consider the best interests of every child. We have created and work hard to maintain a climate in which staff, pupils, parents and governors alike feel able to articulate concerns comfortably; safe in the knowledge that effective action will be taken, as appropriate.

Our Safeguarding and E-Safety Policies apply to all adults, including volunteers, working in or on behalf of our School. We expect everyone working in or for our School to share responsibility for keeping children safe from harm and abuse and report any concerns to one of our DSLs (Please see our policy for further details).

To promote a safe environment for pupils, our selection and recruitment policy includes all checks on staff and regular volunteers' suitability, including criminal records checks from the Disclosure and Barring Service in accordance with current legislation.

At Bedford Greenacre Independent School, pupils are taught about how to stay safe, including staying safe online. Our PSHEE curriculum and programme of assemblies covers how to stay physically and emotionally healthy and includes E-safety and age appropriate Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education, and Health Education (RSHE).



Operation Encompass

Our school is part of Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass is a national police and education early intervention safeguarding partnership which supports children and young people who experience Domestic Violence and Abuse and which is in place in every police force in England and Wales. Children were recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right in the 2021 Domestic Abuse Act.

Operation Encompass means that the police will share information with our school about all police attended Domestic Abuse incidents which involve any of our children **PRIOR** to the start of the next school day.

This ensures that we have up-to-date relevant information about the child/ren's circumstances and can enable support to be given to the child/ren according to their needs.
