



Bradgate Education Partnership Safeguarding Principles

At Bradgate Education Partnership, we believe in fostering a child centred and coordinated approach to safeguarding and child protection in all our schools. Our strategic safeguarding model promotes a consistent and co-ordinated approach to policy and practice across the trust.

We recognise it is both our statutory and moral duty to promote the safety and welfare of all children in our trust and prepare them well for the next phase of their life.

Our trust Safeguarding and Child Protection policy supports consistency across the trust, and schools use this as a model to develop their own personalised policy specific to their context and local priorities.

Our trust supports safeguarding by:

- Providing direction and guidance from the trust safeguarding team
- Proactively analysing trends and priorities
- Offering professional development and training on common themes
- Coordinating a half termly Designated Safeguarding Leads group that shares best practice, offers advice and ensures consistency
- Implementing a robust timetable of audits and reviews:
 - Annual SCR audit
 - Annual safeguarding compliance audit
 - Annual safeguarding review

Core principles:

- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility
- All staff always act in the best interest of the child
- We encourage professional curiosity and a culture of vigilance
- We are committed to creating a culture of safeguarding where children feel safe and can thrive
- Through our trust and school systems, we support each other in careful decision making
- As a trust, we are committed to safer recruitment
- Through our trust and our schools, we are committed to providing high quality professional development on safeguarding for all our staff
- We are committed to partnership working, both within our trust and outward looking
- Our Headteachers know their children and community and are supported to develop their own safeguarding culture and curriculum