



Safeguarding Newsletter

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Safeguarding Update

Khalsa Secondary Academy is committed to safeguarding children. We believe that children and young people should never experience abuse of any kind. We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and young people, to keep them safe and to practise in a way that protects them. My initial statement and focus when taking over as the Designated Safeguarding Lead at Khalsa Secondary Academy in February 2020 was to ensure that safeguarding became compliant and effective.

An extensive action plan was created which included the rewriting of policies, procedures, protocols, training and an introduction of an online paperless safeguarding case file system.

There has also been an expansion of the safeguarding team which now consists of 6 key individuals who have ownership of specific roles and responsibilities within the DSL structure. Mr Jagroop Roopra, new Designated Safeguarding Lead, Prevent Lead and allocated staff member to Children looked after (CLA), Mr Julian Williams Deputy DSL, Mr Adam Kilbane Anti Bullying Lead, Ms Natalie Tim Mental Health Lead, Ms Tabitha Rowe SENDCo and Ms Amrita Kaur Deputy DSL.



SAFEGUARDING



Should you have any concerns / issues regarding **SAFEGUARDING**, you can talk to the following **DESIGNATED SAFE GUARDING LEAD(S)** in the school.



MR J ROOPRA
(LEAD)

MR J WILLIAMS
(DEPUTY)

MISS N TIMOTHEOU
(DEPUTY)

MR A KILBANE
(DEPUTY)

MRS A KAUR
(DEPUTY)

MISS T ROWE
(DEPUTY)

MS S JACKSON
(SAFEGUARDING
TRUSTEE)



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Strategic planning and implementation of staggered training has supported staff, students and parents develop their knowledge and understanding of safeguarding and keeping children safe in education. Debbie Lamb and Corrie Fielding from Anchored Schools conducted an external audit of Safeguarding in March 2020. An extensive 2-day audit confirmed that safeguarding is now both compliant and effective. The report states that “the new strategic lead for Safeguarding has a clear vision of how to move the academy's safeguarding practices and procedures forward. The new DSL has clear plans to broaden and deepen the understanding and knowledge of staff whilst assessing the impact of their work. There is a clear line of accountability and support in place from the DSL, through the Headteacher, the Trust CEO to the Trust Board. The Trust have also improved capacity by increasing the number of staff trained to advanced level.”

The local authority conducted a monitoring visit of safeguarding on Monday 28th September 2020. The feedback from the local authority inspection team was very positive. The lead inspector stated that “The school now appears to have a strong sense of responsibility to deliver high quality safeguarding practices to students, staff and the wider community”.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, students and parents of Khalsa Secondary Academy. We will continue to work tirelessly to embed and sustain a culture of safeguarding and by doing so, create a nurturing environment based on our school values of; excellence, care, kindness and respect.

*Safeguarding at Khalsa Secondary Academy
Everyone's Responsibility*

Safeguarding Survey

We are always looking for ways that we can improve what we do here at Khalsa Secondary Academy as we continue to develop a culture of Safeguarding. To support this, we are looking at how we may be able to make improvements to our communication around issues of safeguarding to further develop the knowledge and understanding of staff, parents, students and the local community. I would therefore humbly request parents and carers of Khalsa Secondary Academy to complete a short survey as we would like to hear your views about any areas you feel we undertake well, could improve upon or simply that you would like to know more about.

The link for the survey will be shared via parent mail on the week beginning Monday 18th January 2021 and will remain open till Friday 22nd January 2021.

Thank you for your ongoing support and please do contact me if there is anything you would like to know more about.

Yours faithfully,
Mr J Roopra
Assistant Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead