

CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING REPORTING

ACS (International) believes that all children have the right to a life that is free from harm and abuse.

We endeavor to provide a safe, welcoming and affirming environment, to ensure the safety, well-being and holistic development of all students.

We are **alert to the types and signs of child abuse** and **follow our procedures** to ensure that children receive effective support and protection.

Recognising Child Abuse

Child abuse includes all types of abuse, neglect and exploitation which results in actual or potential harm to the child's health, survival, development or dignity.

Responding to Child Protection Concerns

If staff, children, parents/guardians or members of the community have a concern that a child is being harmed or at risk of being harmed, or receive a disclosure they must speak to one of the **designated safeguarding lead staff**, detailed below, as soon as possible.



If anything worries or concerns you, report it straight away.

The **principles** that guide our **child protection and safeguarding** policies, practices and procedures are as follows:

- **All Children** have equal right to be **protected** from **harm and abuse**
- **Everyone** has a **responsibility** to support the protection of children
- ACS (International) has a **duty of care** to children enrolled in the school and those affected by the operations of the school
- All actions with regards to child protection and safeguarding are taken with the **best interests of the child**, which are paramount.