

# 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 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.