



RIDGEWOOD  
HIGH SCHOOL

# Child Protection/Safeguarding Policy (Exams)

## Statement 2023 - 2024

Ridgewood High School is committed to the safeguarding of all pupils both within the school environment and outside, including during exams and assessments. Our aim is to ensure that all pupils are safe in school and that measures are put in place to support any child who is at risk of harm.

JCQ General Regulations 5.3 state *“It is the responsibility of the head of centre to ensure that his/her centre... has in place a written child protection/safeguarding policy, including Disclosure and Barring (DBS) clearance, which satisfies current legislative requirements...”*

Ridgewood High School’s Safeguarding Policy is reviewed annually to ensure compliance with current legislation, and all Exams Office staff including invigilators receive annual safeguarding and child protection training, completed under the direction of the school Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

In brief, the aim of the policy is to provide information for all staff to carry out this duty of care responsibly, by

- ensuring we practise safe recruitment in checking the suitability of staff and volunteers to work with children
- raising awareness of child protection issues and equipping children with the skills needed to keep them safe
- implementing procedures for identifying and reporting cases, or suspected cases, of abuse
- establishing a safe environment in which children can learn and develop
- ensuring there are links with other safeguarding policies and practice, for example, physical intervention, anti-bullying, behaviour policy, attendance, medical conditions, first aid, intimate care, emergency evacuation, educational visits, sexual exploitation, sexting, disability, homophobic abuse, racism, domestic abuse, female genital mutilation, radicalisation and extremism.

The full Ridgewood High School (Stour Vale Academy Trust) Safeguarding and Child Protection policy may be viewed online/downloaded from the school website at:

<https://www.ridgewood.dudley.sch.uk/s/RHS-Stour-Vale-Academy-Trust-Safeguarding-and-Child-Protection-Policy-v20-July-2023-Sept-2023.pdf>