



1. How does FOBISIA promote wellbeing, safeguarding, and child protection?

In 2018, the FOBISIA Safeguarding Committee was established in order to advise Heads of Member Schools and their Boards on the latest developments in child protection practice. Through the Safeguarding Committee, the Federation improves the connections between Member Schools and reputable safeguarding providers, therefore improving their access to the latest developments in safeguarding systems and tools. Through FOBISIA HQ, the Safeguarding Committee also communicates with Designated Safeguarding Leads in Member Schools. This collaborative, networked approach allows Member Schools to collate resources and share expertise.

2. Who constitutes the FOBISIA Safeguarding Committee?

The FOBISIA Safeguarding Committee currently consists of nine members: two Co-Chairs, six Executives and a Board Liaison. Each committee member represents different Member Schools from all over the region. The Safeguarding Committee meets as required, approximately twice per term and usually prior to the FOBISIA Board meetings.

3. What safeguarding support does FOBISIA provide for our Member Schools?

The Safeguarding Committee aims to support Member Schools in a non-prescriptive style and are currently populating a resource-sharing platform to publicise to Member Schools. Recent initiatives have involved safer recruitment guidance for Member Schools and peer support for safeguarding officers who are new to the role. FOBISIA is also happy to connect Member Schools with any relevant Affiliate Members.

4. What Safeguarding CPD opportunities exist?

In 2021, FOBISIA is hosting its first Safeguarding and CPD eConference for Safeguarding and CPD Leads, which will offer a variety of content from external speakers and Member Schools.

FOBISIA schools are also invited to host safeguarding/well-being Job-alike Workshops (JAWS). These workshops provide an opportunity for professionals in similar fields to share good practice and knowledge in a cost-effective and practical way. For more information on JAWS, please see our CPD FAQs. FOBISIA also offer webinars hosted by Member Schools and Affiliate Members, throughout the academic year.

5. Who do I contact for further information on Safeguarding?

Please contact Fariha Ebrahim, CPD and Safeguarding Executive at fariha.ebrahim@fobisia.org for further information on safeguarding.