

Child Safeguarding and Protection

At QSI International School of Sarajevo, the safety and wellbeing of every child is a top priority. We are committed to providing a school environment where students feel safe, respected, supported, and able to learn and grow. Our child safeguarding and protection practices are designed to prevent harm, respond appropriately to concerns, and promote a culture of care, accountability, and respect across the entire school community.

Our approach is guided by QSI policy, host country legal requirements, and internationally recognized child protection principles. We believe every child has the right to learn in a safe and supportive environment, and we expect all adults in the school community to act in the best interests of children at all times.

Our Commitment

- Maintain a school culture that promotes safety, dignity, inclusion, and respect for all students.
- Implement clear child safeguarding and protection procedures for prevention, reporting, and response.
- Respond promptly and appropriately to concerns or reports of abuse, neglect, bullying, exploitation, or other forms of harm.
- Provide regular training for staff and education for students and families.
- Use safe recruitment, screening, and hiring practices for adults who work with children.
- Work in partnership with families, local authorities, and relevant support services when needed.

How We Support Student Safety

Our child safeguarding and protection program includes prevention, education, training, and response procedures designed to protect students and support their wellbeing. Key elements of our program include:

- Age-appropriate student learning about personal safety, boundaries, trusted adults, and self-advocacy through the Empower curriculum and related classroom lessons.
- Annual child safeguarding and protection training for staff, volunteers, coaches, and other adults who work with students.
- A school-based Child Protection Team that helps implement procedures and respond to concerns.
- Clear expectations for professional conduct through the school's Code of Conduct.
- Guidance for trips, events, student travel, online learning, and other school-related activities.
- Careful attention to confidentiality, student dignity, and appropriate communication when concerns arise.

Partnership with Families

We believe safeguarding is most effective when schools and families work together. We provide information and training opportunities for parents and caregivers, share age-appropriate safety education with students, and encourage open communication when concerns arise. Our goal is to create a preventative, educational, and supportive approach that helps every child feel safe and known.



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Reporting Concerns

All concerns related to student safety and wellbeing are taken seriously. Reports of suspected abuse, neglect, or other safeguarding concerns are addressed in accordance with school policy and local legal requirements. If you have a concern or would like more information about the school's child safeguarding and protection practices, please contact the school office or the designated Child Protection Lead.

CEESA Safeguarding Commitment

Safeguarding and child protection are priorities at our school. We are committed to prevention, education, and response practices that protect children and uphold high standards of care. We support regular training, safe recruitment, and community awareness so that safeguarding remains an active and visible part of school life.