



Quest Guardians

Child Protection

The safety and welfare of children, or Child Protection, means protecting children from physical, emotional or sexual abuse or neglect. Quest Guardians is committed to the protection of all children in its care.

We aim to ensure that the students in our care experience at all times a caring and secure environment in which they feel safe, respected and valued. In pursuit of this aim, Quest Guardians undertakes the following:

1. To have an appointed Child Protection Co-ordinator (CPC), who is fully conversant with the action required to receive complaints of abuse, to investigate those complaints and to record and report them to the appropriate authority;
2. To make all guardianship personnel and the students in our care aware of the need to report allegations and suspicions of child abuse to the CPC;
3. To promote a policy of trust, openness and clear communication between students, school and Quest Guardians staff and our Host Families, so that student welfare is the top priority;
4. To investigate any reported allegation or suspicion of child abuse in accordance with the principles and guidelines set out in the Child Protection Policy of the Association for the Education and Guardianship of International Students (AEGIS);
5. To ensure that all guardianship personnel and personnel offering outsourced services who come into direct contact with students in our care, are recruited using safe recruitment practices and are formally screened through the Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau;
6. To maintain links with the appropriate governmental authorities with jurisdiction in matters pertaining to child welfare.