



CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT

Roedean School is an independent boarding and day school for girls committed to the all round education of young women. It is a member of the Girls' School Association, the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference and the Boarding Schools' Association in the UK.

In all of its functions and activities, the school is fully committed to the following statements and beliefs:

- the welfare of the child is paramount;
- all children without exception have the right to protection from abuse;
- all suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately; and
- all of the school's trustees, staff and volunteers have a responsibility to report concerns

With regard to the school's Child Protection Policy, the term 'child' applies to all pupils at Roedean School. The policy applies to all employees of Roedean School and to members of the school council and is considered in the recruitment, training and monitoring of all personnel at the school. The person with overall responsibility for Child Protection issues at the school is the Designated Safeguarding Lead. This is Miss Rachel Hart.

In developing and implementing this policy, Roedean School will pay particular attention to the Children Act and the 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' document. The school will also take into account local ACPC Procedures and the advice of organisations such as the DfES and the NSPCC and will act upon advice from the Social Services and the police.