



Beacon Centre
of Blackburn College

Safeguarding Information

for Visitors

A photograph showing a group of students in a classroom or computer lab. In the foreground, a young woman with long brown hair is looking towards the right. Behind her, a young woman wearing a black hijab and glasses is looking at a laptop. To the right, a young man is partially visible, looking towards the center. The background shows a bright window and a door.

Welcome to Blackburn College

We fully recognise our responsibilities for safeguarding and the welfare of our students. We have a Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy that applies to all staff, governors, volunteers and visitors.

As a visitor, you can have a role in establishing a safe environment in which our students can learn and develop. Visitors to the College may have a concern and it is important that they understand how this can be reported.

Visitor restrictions

As a visitor to this college, after signing in, you will need to be escorted and accompanied by a member of staff. In the case of an emergency, the accompanying member of staff will escort you to a safe location. As a college rule, the use of cameras and digital recording equipment are prohibited unless permission has been sought and granted in advance.

Medical assistance

Should you or a student who is accompanying you require medical assistance during your visit, please visit the student reception and ask for one of our first-aiders.

Visiting speakers

If you are an external visiting speaker, please ensure you have **completed the visiting speaker form** and have returned your signed declaration to one of the Safeguarding Team.

Reporting concerns

If you have a safeguarding concern during your visit to our college, please immediately report your concern to the Duty Safeguarding Team (details below). You will be asked to document briefly the events which have given rise to the concern. In the unlikely event they are not available, please ask at reception. The college follows the Local Authority Safeguarding Partnership guidelines for safeguarding children and young people.

Listening to students and confidentiality

Should a student make a disclosure to you, it is important that you listen and do not dismiss the information.

Students should be assured that their best interests will be maintained. Do not offer confidentiality or to “keep a secret”. Instead, please explain that you may need to pass on information to college staff. It is important that once a disclosure is made that any questioning of the student should be left to one of our trained staff.

Contact the Safeguarding Team

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Summary

If you have a concern about a student during your visit, report this immediately to a member of our Safeguarding Team or if they are unavailable, please notify reception. Please ensure you leave your contact details, should we, or other professional agencies, need to speak with you further about the disclosure.

For more details on safeguarding guidance, please scan the QR code or visit: blackburn.ac.uk/services-support/pastoral-support/safeguarding-and-wellbeing



Visitors/Guest Speakers

Please scan to complete the online declaration of the Blackburn College Code of Practice:



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