



WHISTLEBLOWING – ‘An Acceptable way to raise the alarm.’

Parents will know that there has been a serious case review commissioned by West Berkshire regarding the activities of 2 adults who were associated with various West Berkshire Schools.

If you are not fully aware of this issue please follow the link below;

<http://www.westberkslscb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/WEST.BERKS-SCR-V.4-.pdf>

At Parsons Down we are very keen that all adults understand their roles and responsibilities around Whistleblowing or ‘Protected Disclosures.’

The Public Interest Disclosure Act enables individuals to raise concerns where they have a reasonable belief that:

A criminal offence;

A miscarriage of justice; An act creating a risk to health and safety; A breach of other legal obligation;

Damage to the environment; Concealment of any of the above;

is being, has been or is likely to be committed, and it is in the public interest to disclose it, without fear of dismissal, victimisation or detriment.

We follow the policy guidelines as set out by West Berkshire. You can download our full policy here.

https://media.wix.com/ugd/7b63b6_f0b52cb8b0d14ff293be98032f02471e.pdf

Parents who have any concerns that they wish to report should feel confident that they can do so. We are very happy to support any parents with such issues. The following agencies below are also contacts that will support with such concerns.

NSPCC

help@nspcc.org.uk 0808 800 5000

For NHS and Social Care workers

<http://wbhelpline.org.uk/> 08000 724 725

Early Years and Nursery Workers

<http://www.earlyyearsworkers.com/eyc/latest-news/national-whistleblowing-helpline-launched/>

0800 028 0285 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday

Care Quality Commission

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/report-concern-if-you-are-member-staff>

03000 616 161