

## **How does Baskerville School make sure that your child feels safe and is happy at school?**

At Baskerville School staff recognise that students cannot learn if they feel anxious or insecure. It is important that the school has a welcoming and calm atmosphere where students feel safe.

Our vision is to create a community where:

- the entitlement of each student is actively promoted
- the learning environment is empathetic and autism friendly
- choices and challenges are provided to build upon students' strengths and interests
- all the members of the school community are valued equally and work in partnership with parents, carers and the wider community to achieve positive outcomes for students
- the school works within a supportive framework to promote and celebrate students' success and integration into the wider community to prepare them for life after school.

At Baskerville School, Safeguarding has a very high priority because we recognise that our students are vulnerable and not all are able to tell us what is causing them anxiety. Students are taught to identify what could cause them harm and what to do if somebody is acting in a way that makes them anxious. We teach students what bullying is and what to do if they or their friends are bullied. All incidents of bullying are recorded and reported to the parents of the bully and the victim. We then bring the bully and the victim together in an attempt to repair the relationship.

Staff receive regular training in Child Protection and Safeguarding. They are very sensitive to changes in students' behaviour and will raise concerns with senior staff if they think something could be worrying the student. Contact is always made with parents to discuss the changes and to try and identify what might be worrying the student. We ask parents to contact the school immediately if their child is anxious about anything to do with school so that we can quickly resolve the matter with them.

Health and Safety has a high priority in the school. The Site Manager makes weekly health and safety checks and she reports to the Governors' Buildings and Premises Sub-Committee. They authorise action to be taken immediately if there is any possible danger to students or staff.