PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN

CHILD PROTECTION STATEMENT FOR ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL, KENYA

St Andrew's School, Kenya, is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children in its care. As a British international school operating in Kenya, we adhere to both Kenyan child protection legislation and key UK safeguarding frameworks, including the *Children Act (Kenya)*, the *Children Act 1989 (UK)*, Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2026, and Working Together to Safeguard Children (HM Government, UK) 2023.

Under our duty of care and in line with Section 119 of the Children Act (Kenya), all staff are expected to make arrangements that safeguard and promote the welfare of children. We aim to provide a safe, nurturing, and inclusive environment where children are respected, valued, and protected from harm.

All staff at St Andrew's are trained to recognise and respond to signs of abuse, neglect, exploitation, and radicalisation. Safeguarding concerns will be acted upon in line with the School's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, taking into account contextual safeguarding—recognising that the risks young people face may extend beyond the school gates and be influenced by their wider social, cultural, and environmental contexts.

As part of this contextual approach, we acknowledge the importance of considering our Kenyan location, including the realities of local communities, travel arrangements, digital access, and peer group dynamics. This ensures our safeguarding strategies are responsive, relevant, and appropriate to the lived experiences of our students.

Where a safeguarding concern arises, staff are legally and ethically obliged to act. Parents and guardians should be aware that concerns may be shared with the School's Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) and, where necessary, with external agencies—either in Kenya or in line with UK safeguarding expectations. Although staff will usually aim to involve parents/guardians in these conversations, the School reserves the right to act independently of parental consent if there is a risk of harm to a child.

The School will follow Kenya's National Child Protection Guidelines and, as appropriate, seek advice or referral through relevant national child protection services. At the same time, our safeguarding policies and procedures are benchmarked against best practice under Keeping Children Safe in Education 2026 and Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023, ensuring our provision meets the high expectations of the UK education sector.

We will ensure that any safeguarding information is handled sensitively, shared securely, and only with individuals or agencies where it is necessary, proportionate, and in the best interests of the child.

We understand that some safeguarding concerns may prove to be unfounded, but all decisions will be made in good faith and in accordance with both Kenyan and UK legal responsibilities, always prioritising the welfare of the child. For further guidance, parents and guardians are encouraged to consult the following:

- Keeping Children Safe in Education 2026 (Department for Education, UK)
- Working Together to Safeguard Children2023 (HM Government, UK)
- The Children Act 2022(Kenya)
- Kenya's National Child Protection Guidelines

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