

Child Protection Curriculum Program

Abuse and neglect of minors are violations of children's basic human rights. Abuse and neglect constitute impediments to learning and development and adversely affect children's physical, emotional, and social well-being. It is imperative that children are provided with a safe and secure environment in which to develop, thrive, and be successful. As such, all QSI schools have a comprehensive child safeguarding and protection plan.

As an important part of the child safeguarding and protection plan, QSI adopted the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum (KS:CPC) program. KS:CPC teaches all children from a young age and in an age-appropriate way to:

- Recognize abuse and tell a trusted adult about it;
- Understand what is appropriate and inappropriate touching;
- Understand ways of keeping themselves safe.

KS:CPC is aligned with QSI's success orientations. In order to create a safe and supportive learning environment, where child protection is of the utmost concern, QSI schools and KS:CPC focus on:

- Fostering care, empathy, respect and cooperation;
- Promoting reciprocal rights and responsibilities;
- Promoting high quality interactions and relationships and the dignity of cultural and social diversity;
- Promoting informed, responsible, and ethical decision-making about safety and fairness;
- Promoting the development of skills in recognizing standards of behavior, responding to unsafe and unfair situations, and seeking assistance effectively.

All QSI teachers will be trained to teach KS:CPC, and all QSI teachers are mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect. Additionally, QSI teachers will receive training on receiving disclosures of abuse and neglect from children, and next steps to take once a disclosure is received.