

Falconhurst School Whistleblowing Policy

1. This policy was approved by Finance, Personnel and Premises Committee on 9th February 2015, for a period of four years.
2. Falconhurst School is committed, in conjunction with Milton Keynes Council, to the highest possible standards of openness, probity and accountability. In line with this commitment, the Governing Body encourages employees with serious concerns to come forward and voice these.
3. Accordingly, the Governing Body has adopted the Council's Whistleblowing Policy so that members of staff, contractors and governors are subject to the same protection as any officer working for the Council.
4. The Council's Whistleblowing Policy is available from the Internal Audit website. As at the start of 2015, the weblink was:

<http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/assets/attach/16326/WhistleBlowing%20Policy.pdf>

Any member of staff who needs to see the policy can also access it by contacting the Council's Internal Audit department.

5. Members of staff should normally raise their concerns with either the Headteacher or the Chair of Governors. If you feel that would not be appropriate in the circumstances, please refer to the contacts on the front page of the Council's Whistleblowing Policy.
6. Agency workers or contractors should raise a concern in the first instance with their contact within the school, usually the person to whom they directly report.
7. The Headteacher and the Governing Body will ensure when responding to an allegation that they comply with the Council's policy.
8. Further support and guidance can be obtained from Internal Audit. As at the beginning of 2015, their telephone number was 01908 257914 and their email address was internal.audit@milton-keynes.gov.uk.