

Section 13: Fraud & whistleblowing policy

13. Why is this area important?

In order to maintain those high standards a culture of openness and accountability is vitally important. Whistleblowing is when someone raises a concern about a possible fraud, crime, danger or other serious risk that could threaten colleagues, members of the public, or the own Schools reputation, i.e. there is a public interest aspect to it. Schools are expected to compile their own whistleblowing procedure.

The aims of the schools whistleblowing policy should be to:-

- to assure you that if you raise concerns you can do so without fear of reprisals;
- to assure you that your concerns will be taken seriously;
- to provide information about how to raise your concerns and explain how the school will respond.

For more information on creating a whistleblowing policy please refer to the [DfE's Whistleblowing procedure for maintained schools](#)

Should you suspect any fraud within your school please contact the Steve Tinkler (tinklers@ealing.gov.uk) at the earliest possible convenience.