



Official Response to Recent Public Concerns

British International School of Cracow

We appreciate the opportunity to address recent concerns raised about our school's safety protocols and governance. We take all matters regarding student safety with the utmost seriousness and believe it is important to provide accurate information to our school community.

Addressing Recent Allegations

We must first correct a significant misstatement: There are currently no BISC teachers facing any criminal charges. While an allegation was made in summer 2024, it was thoroughly investigated by local law enforcement authorities, who determined the claims to be without foundation. The teacher in question has been completely cleared of any wrongdoing. We respect both the investigative process and its conclusion.

Our Commitment to Safety and Oversight

BISC maintains rigorous safeguarding protocols that meet or exceed all requirements:

1. Regulatory Compliance

- Full compliance with all Polish legal requirements for educational institutions
- Implementation of COBIS (Council of British International Schools) recommended best practice guidelines
- Maintenance of a comprehensive Single Central Record for staff documentation

2. Staff Vetting

- Mandatory annual criminal record clearance checks for ALL staff members
- Thorough background verification processes
- Continuous monitoring and updating of safeguarding procedures

3. Governance and Leadership

While our school has evolved over its 30-year history, this development has strengthened rather than diminished our oversight mechanisms. Our governance structures have been continuously updated to align with international best practices and standards.

Commitment to Transparency

We believe in open communication with our school community while respecting privacy laws and ethical considerations. We address concerns promptly and factually, always prioritizing student safety and wellbeing.

Moving Forward

We remain committed to:

- Maintaining the highest standards of student safety and wellbeing
- Continuous review and enhancement of our safeguarding procedures
- Open dialogue with our school community
- Upholding our reputation for educational excellence

We welcome constructive dialogue with parents and stakeholders about our safety protocols and invite anyone with specific concerns to schedule a meeting with our leadership team.

For further information about our safeguarding policies and procedures, please contact our school office.