



WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY EXAMINATIONS

This is a Category 2 Policy (Full Delegation)

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Introduction

Whistleblowing at Avanti Schools Trust is encouraged, not penalised, and staff are made aware that they have a duty to report any concerns they have about the conduct of examinations.

The Director of Education and Trust Board at Avanti Schools Trust aim to create and maintain an approach to examinations that reflects an ethical culture, and encourages staff and students to be aware of and report practices that could compromise the integrity and security of examinations.

In compliance with section 5.11 of the JCQ's General Regulations for Approved Centres¹, [Centre name] will:

- take all reasonable steps to prevent the occurrence of any malpractice (which includes maladministration) before, during and after assessments have taken place.
- inform the awarding body immediately of any alleged, suspected or actual incidents of malpractice or maladministration, involving a candidate or a member of staff, by completing the appropriate documentation.
- as required by an awarding body, gather evidence of any instances of alleged or suspected malpractice (which includes maladministration) in accordance with the JCQ publication Suspected Malpractice: Policies and Procedures² and provide such information and advice as the awarding body may reasonably require.

This policy requirement has been added within General Regulations for Approved Centres in response to the recommendations within the report of the *Independent Commission on Examination Malpractice*³

