How our Setting Safeguards Students – updated Sept 2023

We understand that safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and fully endorse the core principles of safeguarding:

- Protecting children from maltreatment (***A child is anyone under 18 years old***)
- Preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development
- Ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

We are child-centred and we will always promote students' health, well-being, personal and emotional development.

We create a safe, inclusive learning culture where students;

- Are respected and protected from bullying and discrimination.
- Can talk and express views, be listened to and get feedback.
- Have their needs met and fulfil their potential?
- Know how to get help.
- Know when discussion is confidential.
- Learn about online-safety, bullying, healthy relationships, abuse, neglect, exploitation

We work in partnership with parents and carers by offering;

- Open, honest, and respectful relationships
- Comfort and privacy to talk and get advice.
- Involvement and inclusion at all stages of student's education and care
- Understanding of culture and diversity
- Clear explanations and use of professional interpreters
- Up-to-date emergency contact details
- Information about our complaints procedure Support and signposting to adult services if vulnerable

We promote early help and support by:

- Prompt identification and assessment of additional needs of all students and their family
- Putting ongoing support in place, with a clear planning and review cycle
- Sharing information appropriately with students, families and agencies
- Preventing concerns from escalating

We store and share information securely by:

- Following legislation and guidance
- Having appropriate IT filters and monitoring systems in place
- Explaining how, what, where and when information is shared.
- Maintaining detailed, accurate and secure written records of discussions, decisions and actions, and sharing appropriately

Our Safeguarding policies and procedures:

- Available publicly for students, families, staff
- Following National and SCSP guidance and arrangements (e.g. [Keeping children safe in education](#))
- Include staff/pupil behaviour and relationships, and online communications.
- Updated annually

We have a coordinated approach to concerns:

- There is quick staff response to inform DSL/D about student concerns.
- There are timely referrals to Children's Social Care and Police where risk of significant harm exists.
- We work with all agencies to support students and families through multi-agency meetings e.g., child protection conferences, plans and actions

We have safe recruitment and management practices by ensuring that:

- Unsuitable people do not work with children.
- There is a positive, open culture and environment.

Our trained volunteers, staff and management have:

- Clear safeguarding roles and responsibilities
- On-site safeguarding induction and refreshers

• Whistleblowing process for staff concerns about organisational practice are in place. • All allegations of abuse by staff, carers or volunteers are reported using the correct procedures	• High quality SCSP basic and advanced staff training • Regular DSL/D staff safeguarding updates of skills and knowledge

Safeguarding at our Setting

- If you have any concerns about a student at this setting, please share this information with us straight away.
- Issues such as appearance, hygiene, behaviour, can be shared with teaching or support staff.
- Do not worry about reporting small matters – we would rather you tell us than miss a worrying situation.
- **If you think that a student or an adult who cares for them has been or might be harmed; please talk to a member of our trained safeguarding team immediately (details below).**
- You can ask any member of staff to find them and speak to you about a confidential and urgent matter.

- If you are unhappy with the way we have dealt with something, please tell us.
- If you wish to report it to us formally, please use our complaints procedure or write directly to the Head Teacher or Chair of Governors.
- A concern, allegation or disclosure of abuse involving someone working with children or adults in a paid or unpaid capacity **must** be reported directly to the Head Teacher or Senior Manager, unless it involves them and then it should be reported directly to the Chair of the Governing Body.