

Whole School Safeguarding Policy

Date: May 2017

This policy applies to all staff at Sutton Tuition and Reintegration Service (STARS), including parents, volunteers, Management Committee and any visitors.

The purpose of this policy is:

- To protect all children and young people in this school.
- To provide all staff with the overarching principles to safeguarding and child protection expected in this school community.

At STARS we believe that all children and young people should not experience abuse of any kind. We have the responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and young people and to keep them safe at all times when in our care. We are committed to our responsibilities in a way that protects them.

Legal Frameworks

This policy reflects current guidance and laws to protect children, namely:

- Children Act 1989 and 2004
- United Convention of the Rights of the Child 1991
- Data Protection Act 1998
- Sexual Offences Act 2003
- Protection of Freedoms Act 2012
- Keeping Children Safe in Education 2016
- Relevant Government Guidance on Safeguarding Children

We recognise that:

- The welfare of the child is paramount as enshrined in the Children's Act 1989
- All children regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity have a right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse.
- Some children and young people are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues

- Working in partnership with children, young people, their families, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting their welfare.

We will seek to keep children and young people safe by:

- Valuing them, listening to and respecting them.
- Adopting child protection procedures and a code of conduct for all staff and volunteers.
- Developing and implementing an effective safety policy and related procedures.
- Providing effective management for staff and volunteers through supervision, support and training.
- Recruiting staff and volunteers following 'safer recruitment procedures' and ensuring that all the necessary safeguarding checks are completed.
- Sharing information about safeguarding, child protection and good practice with children, young people, families, carers, staff, the Management Committee and volunteers
- Sharing concerns with agencies who need to know and involving families and children appropriately.

Signed and dated by: Headteacher and chair of Management Committee/child protection representative of the Management Committee.