

# Safeguarding Statement for Families and Children

## What Is Safeguarding and Why Do We Do It?

Safeguarding is any action taken to protect children (those under 18), and adults (those aged 18 or over) at risk (as defined in the Care Act 2014) from harm, whilst supporting their wellbeing and welfare. We will always safeguard the people we have contact with.

Safeguarding is something that we take seriously because we believe in supporting the wellbeing of others as well as their education.

## How Do We Safeguard Children, and Adults at risk?

We have a safeguarding team which stays up to date with safeguarding laws and guidance. Our team have criminal background checks - enhanced DBS checks, and if they've lived abroad in the last 5 years they have an overseas police check too.

Our safeguarding team support our staff to be able to safeguard those we have contact with. They ensure the staff have confidential ways to report any concerns they may have for the wellbeing of children, or adults at risk.

When we work with schools or learning institutions, we make sure we're familiar with their safeguarding policies and team to ensure we can effectively communicate any concerns if we need to.

We guide tutors we work with to obtain enhanced DBS checks, engage with safeguarding training and resources, and know how to report any concerns they may have.

## Who Might We Contact About Concerns?

If we have genuine concerns for the safety or welfare of a child or adult at risk we may need to seek advice on how to best support them, which could mean contacting other official services (e.g. the police or local authority safeguarding teams). We cannot promise to keep anything a secret when it concerns safety, but only because we care about the wellbeing of others.