

## Safeguarding policy statement

**Note:** The terms 'child' and 'young person' describe any person under the age of 18. References to 'parents' should be read as parents and carers inclusively.

### Our statement

Vista Education (part of Vista Wellbeing CIC) acknowledges its duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with industry best practice.

We recognise that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. Through this policy statement we aim to ensure that regardless of age, ability or disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, socio-economic background, all children:

- ✓ have a positive and enjoyable experience in a safe and child-centred environment
- ✓ are protected from abuse whilst participating in training courses and related activities.

We acknowledge that some children can be particularly vulnerable to abuse and we accept the responsibility to take reasonable and appropriate steps to ensure their welfare.

### Our Policy

#### What we'll do

As part of our safeguarding policy we will:

- ✓ promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and young people
- ✓ value, listen to and respect children
- ✓ ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation
- ✓ ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and is provided with appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children and young people
- ✓ provide effective management for staff and volunteers through supervision, support, training and quality assurance measures so that all staff and volunteers know about our policies, procedures and behaviour codes and follow them confidently and competently
- ✓ ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents or concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual(s) who raise or disclose the concern
- ✓ ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored

- ✓ record and store information securely, in line with data protection legislation and guidance
- ✓ prevent the employment or deployment of unsuitable individuals by recruiting and selecting staff and volunteers safely, ensuring necessary checks are made
- ✓ appoint a nominated safeguarding lead for children and young people
- ✓ share information about safeguarding and good practice with children and their parents
- ✓ make sure that children, young people and their parents know where to go for help if they have a concern

The policy and procedures are mandatory for everyone involved in Vista Education and Vista Wellbeing CIC. Failure to comply with the policy and procedures will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in dismissal or exclusion from the organisation.

### Monitoring

This policy will be reviewed a year after development and then every three years, or in the following circumstances:

- ✓ changes in legislation and/or government guidance
- ✓ as required by the local safeguarding arrangements
- ✓ as a result of any other significant change or event.

Everyone involved in providing activities for children will be given access to appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children and young people

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**In a safeguarding emergency,  
where a young person is at immediate risk of harm, call 999.**