

Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play in safeguarding the welfare of children. At Westbourne Academy, safeguarding is considered everyone's responsibility. It forms part of the wider safeguarding system for children and we have a duty of care to keep children safe and to enable the best outcomes for all.

The safeguarding of our students has three main elements:

1. Prevention through the creation of a positive academy atmosphere and the teaching and pastoral support offered to students.
2. Protection by following agreed procedures, ensuring staff are trained and supported to respond appropriately and sensitively to safeguarding concerns.
3. Support to students who have been abused or witnessed abuse. Abuse can be defined as physical, emotional, sexual or neglect.

Our academy will:

1. Establish and maintain an environment where students feel safe and secure, are encouraged to talk, and are listened to.
2. Ensure that students know that there are adults within the academy who they can approach if they are worried or are in difficulty.
3. Include activities and opportunities in the curriculum, which equip students with the skills they need to stay safe from all forms of abuse and to stay safe online.
4. Ensure that, wherever possible, every effort will be made to work closely with parents, the local community and outside agencies.

Visitors to our academy are expected to:

1. Sign in and out at reception.
2. Wear a visitors badge, that is visible, at all times.
3. Behave and conduct themselves in a manner that is appropriate for an institution that works with young people.



- ▶ Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility
- ▶ The needs of the child are paramount
- ▶ The need for help is identified early
- ▶ Anyone with a concern for a child should make a referral

KEY CONTACTS WITHIN THE ACADEMY



Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):
Mrs Carol Clarke
Tel: 07850 922 577



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)
Mrs K Jacobs
Tel: 07850 922641

Named Governor for Safeguarding: Mrs Jo Winter

KEY CONTACTS WITHIN THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

Customer First (Children's Services): 0808 800 4005

Suffolk Police: 01473 613 500 /101

OTHER KEY INFORMATION

Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership:
www.suffolksp.org.uk



Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP):
www.ceop.police.uk



Working Together to Safeguard Children:
www.workingtogetheronline.co.uk

In safeguarding and promoting the welfare and wellbeing of children, we will act in accordance with the following legislation and guidance:

The Education Act (2002)
Keeping Children Safe in Education
Working Together to Safeguard Children
What to Do if You Are Worried About a Child (2015)
Information Sharing: Advice for Practitioners (2018)
Guidance for Safer Working Practice for Adults Who Work With Children and Young People in Education Settings (2019)
The Data Protection Act (2018)
Serious Crime Act (2015)
Teaching Online Safety in School (2018)
UKCIS Education for a Connected World (2018)
Prevent Duty (2015)
Sexual Offences Act (2003)
Preventing Youth Violence and Gang Involvement (2013)
Criminal Exploitation of Children and Vulnerable Adults: County Lines Guidance (2018)

At Westbourne Academy, we work with social care, the police, health services and other agencies to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. Children includes everyone under the age of 18.

In compliance with the Key Safeguarding Employment Standards, all members of staff, governors and volunteers will:

- be appropriately qualified
- have the relevant employment history
- have the necessary checks carried out
- have enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service checks (DBS)
- have access to safeguarding training every year, as well as regular updates

All child protection concerns will be acted on immediately. The following indicators are listed under the categories of abuse:

- Physical Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Emotional Abuse
- Neglect

The SHARP System

- ▶ Have you got a problem?
- ▶ Need a hand?
- ▶ Nobody to turn to?
- ▶ Nobody listening?
- ▶ Don't know what to do?

To view all of our policies in full please visit
www.westbourne.attrust.org.uk/our-academy/academy-policies

Current safeguarding issues are listed below. This is not an exhaustive list and, as new policy guidance and legislation develops within the remit of Safeguarding, the policy will be renewed and updated in line with the Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership and Local Authority.

Attendance
Breast Ironing / Flattening
Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)
Child on Child Abuse
Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)
Children Missing from Education
County Lines
Domestic Abuse
Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
Forced Marriage
Honour Based Abuse
Online Safety
Private Fostering
Radicalisation and Extremism
Upskirting
Harmful Sexual Behaviour

Leaders have
created a strong
culture of
safeguarding

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For advice if you are worried, please contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

If you have any problems at school, at home, with your family or friends, or in the local community please don't suffer in silence. Go to the student page on our academy website and click on SHARP. Or type the following into your browser: <https://westbourne.thesharpsystem.com/>



Use our **confidential** online tool to report it and I will do whatever I can to help. If I don't know myself, I will know someone else who can help you.

This is a **confidential** online service to stop you, a friend or someone you have seen from suffering.

Mrs C Clarke
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

NSPCC
HELPLINE
0808 800 5000
help@nspcc.org.uk