



**LIFE** Education Trust

## **SAFEGUARDING & CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT**

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Safeguarding &amp; Child Protection</b>
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LIFE Education Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all students within our schools and the Trust expects all staff and volunteers to share our commitment.

Our aim is to ensure all of our students feel safe and secure in the knowledge all LIFE Education Trust staff have their best interest at the heart of everything we do, so our students are able to thrive and reach their full potential.

LIFE Education Trust recognises the crucial contribution that Trustees, Governors, staff, parents and students can make to safeguarding children and that every staff member recognises the importance of providing an environment where children know they are supported to enable children to feel safe, valued and respected so they will feel confident and reassured to be able to openly share their concerns with staff.

Each school within LIFE Education Trust supports the Trust aims through safeguarding and child protection training. All staff within our schools know the process and procedures that they must follow in the event they have concerns about a student. All staff are aware of their Safeguarding Team, where to go should they require information, help and guidance as well as how to record (using the school's reporting systems) in the event a child makes a disclosure or staff have any concerns.

Schools within the Trust will always follow the locally agreed procedures for the management of safeguarding concerns. In most cases these external agencies will be within either the London Borough of Havering and Essex County Council. However, in some instances, these outside agencies could be an alternative Local Authority. This is because referrals are made to the authority of the child's registered home address.

LIFE Education Trust and the Board of Trustees ensure that the policies are effective and comply with the law at all times and supports each school by:

- Ensuring all LIFE Education Trust Schools work in accordance with current legislation and guidance.
- Adopting the Keeping Children Safe in Education Guidance September 2022
- Undertaking a whole school register as a record staff have read the appropriate section of the new guidance
- Ensuring each school will adhere to the Trust Safeguarding Policy and Procedures
- Supporting the DSL of Each school to complete the LIFE Education Safeguarding Audit at least annually, which is validated by the school's Safeguarding Governor
- A dedicated LIFE Education Trust Board Trustee with the special responsibility for safeguarding who liaises with the Safeguarding Lead for LIFE Education Trust
- Ensuring school staff receive regular safeguarding training
- Designated Safeguarding Leads and their team are fully trained to advanced/level three Safeguarding every 2 years
- Ensuring there is a designated Prevent Lead and On Line Lead for each school, who receive regular training and updates in accordance with the 2022 guidance
- All Designated Safeguarding Leads and their teams make a valuable contribution to inter-agency working, in line with current guidance.
- Certifying that processes are in place to share and store information in accordance with statutory requirements
- Facilitating Safeguarding Training for Local Governing Committee members

*The Trust Safeguarding Policy can be found via the LIFE Education Trust website, together with Safeguarding contact details for each school within the Trust.*