
Freestyle Wraparound Club – Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy

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Our Commitment

At Freestyle Wraparound Club, safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do. We have a statutory duty to protect and promote the welfare of every child in our care, and we take that responsibility seriously.

We aim to provide a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment where children are respected, valued, and able to thrive. We are alert to signs of abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and follow clear procedures to ensure children receive the right support, protection, and—where necessary—justice.

Safeguarding is **everyone’s responsibility**. Every member of our team maintains the attitude of “**it could happen here**”, and our priority is always **what is in the best interests of the child**.

Policy Aims

This policy exists to:

- Promote safeguarding and child protection throughout our organisation.
- Ensure all staff understand their statutory responsibilities and act on them.
- Keep the welfare of children as the top priority in all situations.
- Provide children with a positive, enjoyable experience in a safe, child-centred environment.
- Protect children from harm, abuse, and unsafe situations during all activities.

We apply these aims **regardless** of age, ability, disability, gender identity, race, religion, sexual orientation, or background.

Understanding Abuse

Abuse can take many forms and may be inflicted by adults or other children. It may be physical, emotional, sexual, or a result of neglect. Abuse can occur in person or online.

We recognise the following types of harm and child-on-child abuse:

- Bullying (including cyberbullying)

- Physical abuse (e.g., hitting, biting, hair-pulling)
 - Sexual violence or harassment (including online)
 - Exploitation or coercion into sexual activity without consent
 - Sharing of sexual images/videos (with or without consent)
 - Upskirting
 - Initiation/hazing activities involving humiliation or harm
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Children Who May Be More Vulnerable

Some children are at increased risk and may need early help, including those who:

- Have disabilities or special educational needs
- Have mental health needs
- Are young carers
- Are involved in or at risk of criminal or gang activity
- Frequently go missing from home, care, or education
- Are at risk of exploitation, radicalisation, or modern slavery
- Live in challenging family circumstances (e.g., domestic abuse, parental substance misuse)
- Are misusing drugs or alcohol
- Are at risk of “honour-based” abuse, forced marriage, or FGM
- Are in private fostering arrangements

We recognise and address these vulnerabilities with extra care and vigilance.

Our Safeguarding Approach

We will:

- Prioritise the safety and wellbeing of every child.
- Provide training so all staff can identify and respond to safeguarding concerns.
- Take immediate and proportionate action when concerns are raised.
- Maintain confidential, accurate safeguarding records.

- Recruit safely, including Enhanced DBS checks, references, and employment history checks.
 - Follow robust safeguarding procedures at all times, including when working on school premises (adopting and adhering to the host school's safeguarding policy).
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Information Sharing & Confidentiality

We share information **lawfully and securely** to protect children. GDPR and data protection laws do not prevent us from sharing information if a child is at risk of harm.

We use the **My Concern** system to log and share safeguarding matters with our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs), who will follow the correct referral pathways (e.g., MASH).

- Concerns will normally be discussed with parents unless doing so would place a child at further risk.
 - Staff must **never promise confidentiality** to a child making a disclosure.
 - Information is only shared on a **need-to-know basis** and stored securely.
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Definition of Safeguarding

In line with *Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2024*, safeguarding means:

- Acting early to help children when problems emerge.
 - Protecting children from all forms of maltreatment, including online harm.
 - Preventing impairment of mental or physical health or development.
 - Ensuring children grow up in safe, caring environments.
 - Taking action to ensure the best possible outcomes for every child.
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What This Covers in Our Club

Safeguarding includes:

- Promoting health, safety, and emotional wellbeing.
- Meeting the needs of children with SEND or medical conditions.
- Providing first aid and intimate care when required.

- Maintaining online safety and secure IT use.
- Keeping our premises secure.
- Preventing and responding to any risk, harm, or exploitation.

By following this policy, we ensure Freestyle Wraparound Club is a safe, supportive, and protective space for every child who walks through our doors.
