

Voyage Learning Campus - Safeguarding Statement

At the VLC we recognise and embrace our role in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Keeping Children Safe in Education (DfE September 2024) makes it clear that everybody has a safeguarding responsibility.

As a school, we work proactively with social care, the police, health services and other services to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

Safeguarding is defined as the actions taken to protect children from harm and promote their welfare. This includes:

- Protecting children from maltreatment, including online.
- Preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development
- Ensuring that children are growing up in safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcome
- Providing help and support to children as soon as problems emerge.

To promote a safe environment for young people in the school, our selection and recruitment processes include all statutory checks for staff and volunteers, including Enhanced DBS (disclosure and barring service) checks.

In order to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, the VLC acts in accordance with the following legislation and guidance:

- Keeping Children Safe in Education (DfE September 2024)
- Working Together to Safeguard Children (DfE July 2023)
- Guidance for Safer Working Practices for Adults working with Children and Young People (May 2019)
- The Prevent duty -Departmental advice for schools and childcare providers (2023)

All staff receive appropriate safeguarding training, ranging from basic awareness for all staff to advanced training for key staff. All new members joining the Management Committee also receive safeguarding training upon induction.

Any concerns regarding safeguarding should be referred to our DSL team:

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for School

- Rachael Hobson, Principal – 01934 425522

Designated Safeguarding Lead for Centres

- Christina Perry, Phase One – 01934 413725
- Ashlee Copeland, Phase Two – 01934 425522
- Nicola Young, Phase Three – 01934 413725