

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 2025) 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:

- providing help and support to meet the needs of children as soon as problems emerge
- Protecting children from maltreatment, whether that is within or outside the home, including online
- Preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development
- ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcome in line with the outcomes set out in the Children's Social Care National Framework.

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 2025)
- 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 whole school

- Rachael Hobson, Principal – 01934 425522

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs)

- Christina Perry for Phase One – 01934 413725
- Laura Williams for Phase Two – 01934 425522
- Melanie Young for Phase Three – 01934 413725
- Tania Phillips (Student and Family Liaison Officer for all phases) – 01934 425522