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Trafford Alternative Education Provision

Safeguarding Statement 2023-24

Trafford Alternative Education Provision is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff, governors, and volunteers to share this commitment.

We have several policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding pledge, including our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy which can be viewed in the Policies section of our website.

At TAEP we listen to our pupils and take seriously what they tell us. All school staff are trained in Child Protection, and students are made aware of the adults they can talk to if they have any concerns. Staff are trained to look out for signs of physical/emotional harm or neglect and are required to report these to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies, when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

We actively support the Government's Prevent Agenda to counter radicalism and extremism.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Linda Thompson (Executive Headteacher). Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are: Hayley Lindley Deputy Curriculum and Standards/ SENDCo, Carol Polhill Senior TA, and Dawn Brannigan Attendance and Pastoral Officer

Our School Governor with a safeguarding responsibility is COG Carrie Oultram.

It is important to note that safeguarding is not just a responsibility that rests with the safeguarding team but is a central part of the ethos and values of The School as a whole. The School is committed to fostering a culture of openness, trust, and support, in which all students feel comfortable speaking out and seeking help if they need it. This is why we encourage our students to approach any member of staff if they are feeling unsafe or in need of advice and guidance. The School will always take a proactive and supportive approach to safeguarding, to ensure that our students are protected and their wellbeing is promoted at all times.

All members of the Safeguarding Team can be contacted via the school office.

<p>Trafford Children’s First Response 0161 912 5125 FirstResponse@trafford.gov.uk</p>	<p>Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) 0161 912 5125 FirstResponse@trafford.gov.uk</p>
<p>Trafford Strategic Safeguarding Partnership 0161 911 8687 TSSP@trafford.gov.uk</p>	<p>Trafford Personal Advisor</p>
<p>Social Care Out-of-Hours Emergency Duty Team 0161 912 2020</p>	<p><u>Police</u> Non-emergency – 101 Emergency - 999</p>
<p>NW Counter-Terrorism Unit Channel Team 0161 856 6362 channel.project@gmp.police.uk</p>	<p>NSPCC Whistleblowing Helpline NSPCC website</p>

Photographs and Videos

Whilst lots of parents and carers enjoy seeing photos and videos of their children's school life we are very mindful of our duty of care towards all our pupils. We take the issue of safeguarding very seriously and this includes the use of photographic and video images.

Any photographs or videos taken by parents, carers, and relatives at sports days or other events are for the enjoyment of individual families. They must not be used in any way that could potentially place a child at risk. This would include publishing images in any form of print or on the internet including social networking sites.

We understand that in exceptional circumstances a parent or carer may not wish their child to be photographed or videoed in this way. If this is the case then please contact the Executive Headteacher to discuss how this can be best achieved.

We like to use photographs of our children on our website and ClassDojo, in school documents, for parent information meetings, newsletters, and on our display screens

around the school. If you do not wish photographs of your child to be used for these purposes, then please contact the Executive Headteacher.



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“Safeguarding is effective. There is a strong culture of safeguarding in the school. This is a small school where all staff know pupils extremely well. Daily staff briefings at the start and end of the school day keep all staff fully informed of any concerns around pupils’ welfare, behaviour, safety and mental health. The high staff-to-pupil ratio also works to keep pupils safe. Staff keep a watchful and close eye on pupils at all times. Pupils said that the school keeps them safe and also teaches them how to be safe in the community. Pupils talked about staying safe online and how to guard their privacy online. Pupils have a clear understanding of how the staff support them with their emotional health and well-being.”