

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

At *All About RSE* safeguarding is a priority, we firmly believe that all children have the right to be protected from neglect, physical, emotional and sexual abuse.

As visitors in a school we endeavour to make ourselves aware of the individual schools safeguarding policy.

We will ask to be informed of the schools named child protection officers/dedicated safeguarding lead (DSL).

If possible we will read the individual schools safeguarding policy (usually found on the schools website).

If for any reason we become concerned about a student we will inform the schools DSL immediately. We will endeavour to talk directly with the DSL, although we may have to ask assistance from a member of staff who is present.

If a student discloses something to us that raises concerns we will inform the student that we wish to help them but we cannot promise to keep things confidential if we are concerned that they are in a dangerous situation and/or that abuse might be taking place. We will do this in as sensitive a manner as the circumstances allow and we will reassure the student that they have done the right thing in bringing the situation to our attention.

We will give verbal information and feedback to the DSL at the time of the incident and will write up a report giving full details of what has occurred and all conversations. If at all possible we will do this while we are still on the premises but if we are unable to do this while in the school we will get the report to the DSL within 24 hours.

It is our practice to contact the DSL within 2-7 days to confirm that appropriate action has been taken.

If we have serious concerns that a school has not followed safeguarding procedures and we consider the child to still be at risk we will inform the relevant agencies.

At *All About RSE* we never take photographic images / film of our work with students. If a school wishes to take any images (within the individual schools policy on taking images of students) when we visit we ask that our permission is requested first. We may choose to decline this request if we feel it is not appropriate for ourselves or the students.

We request that a member of the school staff is always available and present with the students when we visit unless it has been agreed in advance that this would not be appropriate and all of the relevant safeguarding procedures have been followed to make this acceptable.

Both Esther Hardy and Sarah Mumford are part of the DBS Updating Service and have undertaken training in safeguarding & awareness of child abuse and neglect.

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