

Safeguarding Policy

The official business name of my company is Dan Vockins Coach, and it will be referred to as this throughout.

Introduction

Safeguarding is defined as: protecting children from maltreatment, preventing impairment of children's health or development, ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care and taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes (Working Together to Safeguard Children, DfE, 2018, p6).

Purpose

The purpose of this safeguarding policy is:

- to protect the children and young people who receive tutoring services from Dan Vockins Coach, from harm;
- to respond to any allegations and/ or any concerns relating to the welfare of a child or young adult for whom Dan Vockins Coach provide tutoring services to;
- to state the ongoing training I will undertake to ensure that safeguarding protocols are up-to-date and understood.

This policy applies to anyone working on behalf of Dan Vockins Coach. This policy will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis or earlier if there is a change in safeguarding protocols.

Responsibilities

Dan Vockins Coach recognises that I have a responsibility for the safety and wellbeing of my students. This responsibility includes:

- ensuring I have a DBS check completed each year;
- ensuring that I undertake appropriate safeguarding training at least once every two years;
- endeavouring to keep up-to-date with any new information about safeguarding and child protection and updating this policy accordingly to include any changes;
- reporting safeguarding concerns correctly to the relevant bodies, following the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) procedures and/or the procedures of the school/college/organisation Dan Vockins Coach is tutoring for.

Reporting Safeguarding Concerns

If a student tells me that they or another child is being abused I will:

- show that I have heard what they are saying, and that I take their allegations seriously;
- encourage the child to talk, without prompting them or asking them leading questions. I will not interrupt when a child is recalling significant events and will not make a child repeat their account;
- reassure the child that they can tell me anything that is worrying them, but that I cannot promise not to tell anybody because some things have to be passed on in order to keep them safe;
- explain what actions I must take, in a way that is appropriate to the age and understanding of the child;
- record what I have been told, as soon as I can, using exact words where possible;
- make a note of the date, time, place and people who were present during the disclosure.

I will contact the Safeguarding Lead for the relevant Local Authority or school/college. If I am concerned that the child is in immediate danger, I will call the police.

Associates

Although Dan Vockins Coach does not employ any staff, I do use associate tutors who work alongside my company. They are self-employed but do work under the name Dan Vockins Coach. While they are working under the name Dan Vockins Coach, they follow this policy.