



# Safeguarding Policy

## **Policy Statement**

RISE Ltd is fully committed to promoting the safety, welfare, and wellbeing of all children and adults I may come into contact during my work. I recognise my responsibility to safeguard and protect children from harm and to follow the statutory guidance outlined in **Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE)**.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and RISE will always act in the best interests of the individual.

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## **Scope**

This policy applies to all consultancy activities carried out in schools, academies, early years settings, alternative provision, local authorities and any other education settings.

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## **Legal and Statutory Framework**

This policy is informed by current safeguarding legislation and statutory guidance, including:

- Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) – most recent edition

- The Children Act 1989 & 2004
- Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018, updated)
- Education Act 2002
- The Prevent Duty (2015)
- Data Protection Act 2018 and UK GDPR

This policy is reviewed annually and updated following any relevant changes to legislation or guidance.

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## **Commitment to Ongoing Safeguarding Competence**

RISE is committed to:

### **Annual Safeguarding Training**

- Completing **annual safeguarding training**, including updates aligned to the latest version of **Keeping Children Safe in Education**.
- Maintaining knowledge on recognising signs of abuse, reporting procedures, online safety, Prevent Duty, and safer working practices.

### **Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE)**

- Reading **Part 1 of KCSIE** (or Part 1 equivalent) every year.
- Keeping up to date with all changes published in the latest KCSIE revision.

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## **Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)**

RISE is committed to having the following in place:

- **Enhanced DBS check with Barred List information**, suitable for work in education settings.

- **DBS Update Service**, enabling schools and settings to verify clearance status online at any time.

Proof will be provided on request.

## **Safeguarding Responsibilities**

When working in any education setting:

- The setting's own safeguarding and child protection policies will be followed.
- Report any safeguarding concerns or disclosures immediately to the setting's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or nominated deputy.
- Follow local authority procedures where required.
- Keep clear and accurate records of concerns, ensuring these are shared securely with the DSL and not retained unless explicitly required.
- Maintain professional boundaries at all times.
- Use safe, GDPR-compliant methods when handling any information.

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## **Online and Remote Working**

When providing consultancy remotely:

- Secure, password-protected systems are in place and used.
- Safer online working practices recommended by KCSIE are adhered to.
- Virtual meetings comply with the safeguarding expectations of the commissioning organisation.

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## **Safer Working Practices**

**Safer Working Practice Guidance (2022)** is committed to at all times:

- Professional conduct at all times.
- Appropriate use of technology.
- Safe interaction with people.
- Avoiding unsupervised situations unless approved by the setting.

## **Review of Policy**

This policy is reviewed annually, or earlier if there are changes in legislation, guidance, or the nature of the work undertaken.

**Last reviewed:** 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**Next review due:** 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025