



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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: 12th February 2026

Next review due: 12th February 2027