



## **Ellouise School Of Dance's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy**

**Ellouise School Of Dance** is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children up to the age of 18, as well as vulnerable adults. We recognise our responsibility to take all reasonable steps to promote safe practice and to protect children and venerable adults from harm, exploitation and abuse, whatever their culture, disability, gender, language, origin, religious beliefs, and/or sexual identity.

**Ellouise School Of Dance** accepts our duty to act appropriately to any reports, allegations or suspicions of abuse, as well as providing parents guidance for our approach to child protection and what they should do if they suspect a child/ young person/ vulnerable adult may be experiencing, or is at risk of harm.

**Ellouise School Of Dance** recognises its duty of care under the Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 and Safeguarding Venerable Groups Act 2007.

**Ellouise School Of Dance** will ensure that:

- The safety and welfare of our dancers is paramount.
- We recognise that some children or vulnerable adults are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, communication needs, their level of dependency or other issues.
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

**Ellouise School Of Dance** will safeguard children and vulnerable adults by:

- Treating all dancers and parents with respect and dignity.
- Ensuring that everybody has the right to dance.
- Putting welfare of each child and vulnerable adult first.
- Providing enthusiastic and constructive criticism to dancers rather than negative criticism.
- Focussing on the benefits of dance helping individuals personally, physically as well as socially.

- Valuing the views of our dancers.
- Never accepting bullying of any form.
- Taking action to stop any inappropriate behaviour.
- Keeping informed of changes in policies and legislation for the protection of children and vulnerable adults.
- Undertaking relevant professional development and training.
- Ensuring all medical details, contact details for every child is up to date and available at the place of teaching.

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