

SAFEGUARDING POLICY



Momentum School of Dance works with children and families as part of its activities. These include teaching groups of children & adults and teaching private lessons to children.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY STATEMENT IS:

1. To protect children and young people who receive Momentum School of Dances services. This includes the children of adults who use our services.
2. To provide parents, staff and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to child protection.

This policy statement applies to anyone working on behalf of Momentum School of Dance, including senior managers, paid staff, self-employed staff, volunteers, sessional workers, agency staff and students.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

This policy has been drawn up based on legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect children in England. A summary of the key legislation and guidance is available from [nspcc.org.uk/childprotection](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/childprotection).

WE BELIEVE THAT:

1. Children and young people should never experience abuse of any kind.
2. We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and young people, to keep them safe and to practise in a way that protects them.

WE RECOGNISE THAT:

1. The welfare of the child is paramount.
2. All children, regardless of age, disability, gender, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation have a right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse.
3. Some children are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues.
4. Working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers, and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare.

WE WILL SEEK TO KEEP CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE BY:

1. Valuing, listening to and respecting them.
2. Appointing a nominated child protection/safeguarding lead.
3. Developing child protection and safeguarding policies and procedures which reflect best practice.
4. Using our safeguarding procedures to share concerns and relevant information with the local county council, and involving children, young people, parents, families, and carers appropriately.
5. Creating and maintaining an anti-bullying environment and ensuring that we have a policy and procedure to help us deal effectively with any bullying that does arise.
6. Recruiting staff and volunteers safely, ensuring all necessary checks are made – all Momentum School of Dance staff are required to have a valid, enhanced DBS check.
7. Implementing a code of conduct for staff and volunteers.
8. Ensuring that we provide a safe physical environment for our children, young people, staff, and volunteers, by applying health and safety measures in accordance with the law and regulatory guidance.
9. Recording and storing information professionally and securely.

CONTACT DETAILS

Nominated child protection lead – Mr. Will Lonsdale
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We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually.

This policy was last reviewed on: 30/07/2024

Signed: *Will Lonsdale* (Principal)