



Voyage Learning Campus - Safeguarding Statement

Safeguarding legislation and government guidance says that safeguarding means:

- 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
- Taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcomes.

Safeguarding includes child protection, health care plans, health and safety, site security, safety on school trips, anti-bullying work, recruiting safely and so much more.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for the school is Emma Gundry, Principal. The Designated Safeguarding Leads for each centre are Peter Williams, Acting Vice Principal, (Weston), Nicola Young Assistant Vice Principal, (Tuition), Samantha Richardson, Primary Lead Teacher, (Milton) and Ashlee Copeland, Year 7 & 8 Lead Teacher, (KS3).

Voyage Learning Campus (VLC) has policies and procedures in place to deal effectively with child protection and safeguarding issues together with recording and monitoring processes.

To promote a safe environment for young people in the school our selection and recruitment processes include all statutory checks for staff and volunteers including Enhanced DBS (disclosure and barring service) checks.

All staff are trained to a level appropriate to their safeguarding responsibilities ranging from basic awareness for all to advanced training for key staff. All staff with basic awareness receive an annual safeguarding update. In addition, all staff are aware of the referral process to Social Care and are able to make a referral in the absence of the DSL or deputies. Other relevant training includes Safer Recruitment, Food Hygiene and Health and Safety (including premises i.e. asbestos). All staff have completed both online and in school training on the Prevent Strategy.

All concerns are initially passed through the Designated Safeguarding Leads who are the Heads of Centre for each of our sites. Staff are required to report any causes for concern to the DSLs through CPOMS and notify DSLs in person if they feel it is an issue which may need immediate attention. Cases are stored in CPOMS and are available to the DSLs. All safeguarding is automatically emailed to DSLs to be actioned.

Attendance is monitored closely and concerns are shared as appropriate with parents/carers, the Campus Student & Family Liaison Officer and Local Authority appropriate officers. VLC also works closely with other agencies when necessary.

If you have any serious concerns about your child or any other student at the VLC please do not hesitate to contact a Designated Safeguarding Lead who will be able to provide you with the best advice and help using the appropriate degree of confidentiality.

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for School

- Emma Gundry, Principal – 01934 425522

Designated Safeguarding Lead for Centres

- Samantha Richardson, Primary Lead (Milton) – 01934 413725
- Ashlee Copeland, Year 7 & 8 Lead (Nailsea) – 01275 855240
- Peter Williams, Years 9, 10 & 11 Lead (Weston) – 01934 425522
- Nicola Young, Tuition (Nailsea) – 01275 866999

Management Committee Lead

- Andy Kynaston, Chair of the Management Committee - 01934 425522