

# Child Safeguarding Statement



Side by Side School

Our organisation has completed a CHSCP Self-Assessment.



## Nature / Type of Organisation and Services Provided:

Side by Side Special School is a community school offering a unique environment for all its pupils. It is located in the London Borough of Hackney primarily attracting local families, although we welcome everyone irrespective of their locality. The school is registered under the Department for Education to offer education to children from the age of 2 to 19.

## Our commitment to safeguarding children:

At Side by Side, we are fully committed to ensuring the safety and welfare of every child and vulnerable adult in our care. We acknowledge our duty to protect them from harm and create an environment where they can flourish.

We will ensure that all staff are aware of their safeguarding and child protection responsibilities, equipped to identify children and young people at risk, and trained to manage concerns effectively while prioritising the welfare of children and young people. Staff and pupils alike will be encouraged to raise any issues they have with any member of our team, and we guarantee that all concerns will be treated with the utmost seriousness and confidentiality.

Recognising that some pupils may find it challenging to verbally disclose concerns, our staff will maintain a vigilant approach and demonstrate professional curiosity to offer appropriate support. There will always be a Designated Safeguarding Lead (or Deputy DSL) available on site or reachable by phone, ensuring they possess the necessary training and understanding to manage safeguarding concerns effectively, always prioritising the welfare of children and

### Risk that children might face (1)

Risk of staff/volunteers rough handling or shouting at/chastising children to the extent that it causes harm

#### How are we mitigating this risk? (1)

Use of following procedures/policies:

- Safer Recruitment, Complaints, Managing Behaviour,
- Staff Training and Induction
- Child Safeguarding, Reporting, Child Safeguarding Training, Vetting,
- Code of Conduct for Staff/Students/Volunteers and
- Allegation of Abuse Against

### Risk that children might face (2)

Wide age range of pupils poses risks, including possible risk of older pupils harming younger ones

#### How are we mitigating this risk? (2)

- Risk Assessment in place
- Supervision and monitoring
- Age-appropriate grouping
- Staff training
- Individual Support Plans
- Clear policies and procedures
- Use of Child Protection and Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy

### Risk that children might face (3)

Visits to the school by external people or professionals pose risks to student safety

#### How are we mitigating this risk? (3)

- Visitor registration
- Supervised access
- Staff awareness
- Use of Security and Lockdown Policy

### Risk that children might face (4)

Risk of harm from peer to peer abuse including acts of bullying, especially with students who have SEN

#### How are we mitigating this risk? (4)

- Behaviour plans in place
- Emotional Wellbeing support to avoid escalation of incidents

Use of:

- Anti-bullying Procedure/Policy
- Complaints Procedure/Policy
- Allegations made against other pupils Policy

### Risk that children might face (5)

Administration of Medication or First Aid

#### How are we mitigating this risk? (5)

Use of:

- Health and Safety Policy
- Managing the Administering of Medication and PEG Policy
- Medical Needs Policy
- Sickness First Aid and Emergencies Policy

**The following legislation, policies, procedures and guidance also support and inform our intention to safeguard children while they are accessing our service(s). These documents are available upon request.**

- Hackney Wellbeing Framework
- London Child Protection Procedures
- Working Together to Safeguarding Children
- Keeping Children Safe in Education
- What to do if you are worried a child is being abused
- Information Sharing Guidance for Practitioners
- Hackney Education Whistleblowing Policy
- Inspecting Safeguarding in Early Years, Educational and Skills Setting Sept 2022
- Equalities Act 2010
- The MCA 2005
- The Children and Social Work Act 2017
- Working Together to Safeguard Children (July 2022)
- The Care Act (2014)

The final draft of this safeguarding statement has been agreed for submission by the individual with overall responsibility for the organisation. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

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<http://www.sidebyside.org.uk/information/policies/>