

Child Safeguarding Statement



Oldhill Community School

Our organisation has completed a CHSCP Self-Assessment.



Nature / Type of Organisation and Services Provided:

We are a fully inclusive, two form entry school and children centre and an autistic resource unit. We offer places for children from 6 months to 5 years in our day care and education for 3 to 11 years old. We have a diverse community; we take pride in our differences. We value our children as individuals and respect our multicultural and multilingual community.

Our commitment to safeguarding children:

Oldhill Community School and Children Centre at Oldhill fully recognises its responsibility for Child Protection, Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. We recognise that the school plays a significant part in the prevention of harm to our pupils, providing them with good lines of communication with trusted adults, supportive friends and an ethos of protection. We recognise that because of the day-to-day contact with children, school staff are well-placed to observe the outward signs of abuse. The school will therefore:

- Establish and maintain an ethos where children feel secure, are encouraged to talk, and are always listened to.
- Ensure that all children know there is an adult in the school whom they can approach if they are worried and can turn to for help when in difficulty.
- Ensure we have an ongoing culture of vigilance, beginning with safer recruitment procedures in place.
- Include in the curriculum opportunities for PSHCE and SEAL, which equip children with the skills to stay safe from harm and know whom they should turn to for help.
- An appropriately trained designated safeguarding lead or deputy DSL will always be on-site or available by phone.

Risk that children might face (1)

Risk from other users of the facility- (Adult learning, food banks, health services)

How are we mitigating this risk? (1)

Adults are supervised and only have use of the Adult Learning Room
Appropriate use of CCTV
Mobile Phone Use policy in place
Staff told to supervise children at all time in areas which are used by adults from the community
Clear reporting procedures in place
Volunteers used for the Food Bank ensure unauthorised adults are not in the school after hours.

Risk that children might face (2)

Risk of harm through online abuse through social media, WhatsApp, Internet Access

How are we mitigating this risk? (2)

Safer internet use policy
Filters ensuring we have security so unacceptable content cannot be downloaded in school
Parent workshops on Safe use of Internet
Lessons for children on safe use of the internet and social media

Risk that children might face (3)

Risk of peer on peer abuse

How are we mitigating this risk? (3)

Anti-bullying policy
Regular assemblies on behaviour and rules
Clear school rules
Clear reporting systems
Safeguarding training for all staff
KCSIE

Risk that children might face (4)

Risk of harm to vulnerable children (non-verbal or unable to communicate)

How are we mitigating this risk? (4)

Code of conduct, Regular staff meetings
Use of PECs/ Widgets where appropriate
Physical handling training (Teamteach) for all staff who work with SEND children.
Positive Handling policy, Whistleblowing policy
Safeguarding training for all staff and volunteers
Regular safeguarding updates
Keeping Children Safe in Education, broken down for staff

Risk that children might face (5)

Use of agency staff and volunteers

How are we mitigating this risk? (5)

Safeguarding induction, including brief booklet with procedures
Allocated member of staff to supervise
DBS required
Safer recruitment and vetting of volunteers
Restricted access to sensitive information
Confidentiality 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 and Education.
What to do if you're worried about a child being abused
Information sharing guidance for practitioners
Hackney education whistleblowing policy

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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