




## CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT OF INTENT

### STATUTORY CENTRAL POLICY – REQUIRED ON THE WEBSITE

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<b>Signature of CEO:</b> 	<b>Signature of Chair of Trustees:</b> 

*The Dean Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Each school within the Trust has a separate Safeguarding Statement and Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy which can be found on the individual schools' website.*

- The Dean Trust is a safe place for children, where our responsibilities for safeguarding children are taken seriously.
- Through our curriculum we teach the children about personal safety, how to keep themselves safe from harm and through the fundamental promotion of British values.
- There is a strong anti-bullying ethos evident throughout our schools. We teach our children how to recognise bullying, how to keep themselves safe from bullying behaviour and how to report it. We take any reports of bullying seriously and deal with them promptly.
- Our curriculum includes opportunities to discuss feelings and emotions, helps our children to think about their own personal safety and their rights as individuals to be kept safe from harm.
- We teach our children about the uses and misuses of drugs, including legal highs, at an age appropriate time and level.
- Our sex education programme teaches our children about keeping themselves safe from harm at an age appropriate level.
- We have clear guidance to help children to use the internet (including social media) safely and we have appropriate filters in place to prevent pupils accessing inappropriate materials whilst using school devices.
- Our policies and agreed practices for child protection, health and safety, behaviour management, attendance and looked after or vulnerable children all comply with the recommendations for safeguarding children at school. We have a trained designated safeguarding lead and deputy, and a designated governor with responsibility for safeguarding at our schools.
- All schools have their own child protection and safeguarding policy which complies with the Trust's overarching policy.



- All schools comply with Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) procedures within their Local Authority.
- All our staff receive regular child protection and safeguarding training together with regular updates.
- We have policies to manage potential allegations against staff, whistleblowing and the use of physical intervention. All schools follow the procedures of their LSCB. A list of the policies which support this statement is detailed below.
- Our staff recruitment policies and practices are rigorous and comply with safer recruitment and selection requirements. We always pursue identity checks and qualification checks and we take up and scrutinise written references before confirming employment.
- We require clearance from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) before employing any staff.
- All voluntary helpers, supply teachers, agency staff, and outside club and coaching staff, including anyone else in regulated activity with children, are required to provide evidence of enhanced DBS clearance and ID on arrival. DBS lanyards are worn.
- All other visitors, if not in regulated activity, are required to show ID on arrival and are accompanied by a member of staff at all times. Visitor lanyards are worn.
- The local governing bodies are regularly updated about child protection, bullying and safeguarding policies and practices.
- It is the responsibility of every adult in our schools to ensure that we maintain the highest level of awareness about possible unsafe practices and deal with any issues immediately and appropriately.

References –*Keeping Children Safe in Education (2018) and Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018)*

Policies which support the Safeguarding Statement:

- Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy
- Behaviour Policy including physical intervention
- Anti-bullying Policy
- Sex Education Policy
- Site Security Policy
- Safer Recruitment Policy
- Alcohol and Drugs Policy
- E-safety practice & procedures
- Trips and visits (practice & procedures)