Student Safeguarding Policy

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Our promise

At the CE Academy, we are committed to keeping all children safe; your safety and happiness are our top priorities. This guide will help you understand what safeguarding means and how we can support you.

This policy tells you where you can get help if you feel unsafe and will help you understand more about safeguarding and what we can do to support you at school.

Our responsibilities

All staff at the CE Academy are trained to keep you safe.

They will:

- listen to you and take your concerns seriously;
- make sure you know who to talk to if you need help;
- provide a safe environment for you to learn and play.

"I don't feel safe…..what should I do?"

- **Talk to a trusted adult in school**: If you feel unsafe or worried, speak to anyone who works at school; this could include your key tutor, a teacher or member of support staff.
- **Safeguarding Leads:** Special people in school who are trained to keep you safe. You can talk to them about anything that's bothering you.
- **Talk to your parents or carers:** You can also talk to your parents or carers if you prefer.

How do we keep you safe?

1. **Listen to you:** We take what you say seriously. You can talk to us about anything that's making you feel uncomfortable or upset.
2. **Safe environment:** Our school is a safe place where everyone is treated with kindness and respect.
3. **Online safety:** We teach you how to stay safe on the internet and what to do if something online makes you feel uneasy.
4. **Mental health support:** We have people to help you if you're feeling sad, worried, or stressed. We have specialist staff you can talk about how you're feeling. Let a member of staff know and they can make these arrangements for you.
5. **Referrals for support:** School staff can make referrals for you to access specialist support for your mental health and wellbeing such as counselling.

Do you want to understand more about Safeguarding?

What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding means protecting you from harm and making sure you are safe at all times.

This includes:

- **making sure** you have a safe environment to learn in;
- **helping you** if you have worries or problems;
- **protecting you** from being hurt or treated badly.

Types of harm

It's important to know the different ways someone might harm you:

- **Physical harm:** This means hurting your body, like hitting or kicking.
- **Emotional harm:** This is when someone makes you feel bad about yourself.
- **Sexual harm:** This is when someone makes physical contact with you or forces you to make physical contact with someone else in a sexual way.
- **Neglect:** This is when you are not given what you need to be safe and healthy.
- **Bullying:** This is when someone repeatedly hurts you with their words or actions.

Keeping safe online

When you use the internet, it's important to stay safe:

- **Don't share personal information**: Like your address, phone number, or passwords.
- **Tell an adult:** If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable or scared.
- **Be kind:** Treat others online as you would in person.

Important things to remember:

- **It's not your fault:** If something is making you feel bad, it's not your fault, and we are here to help.
- **You are not alone:** There are always people here who want to listen and help you feel better.

Appendix 1: Helpful phone numbers and resources

If you are feeling like you can't cope, there are people you can talk to:

SHOUT

Text SHOUT to 85258 (available 24/7)

Shout is the UK's first and only free, confidential, 24/7 text messaging service for anyone who is struggling to cope.

School Nurse

Text 07507329600 (available Mon-Fri)

The school nurse team works with children aged between 5 and 19 years old who are attending schools. They offer support on so many different areas of life including:

- encouraging healthy lifestyle choices;
- support with emotional wellbeing including services such as Chat Health;
- identifying children and young people who may need additional support.

Childline

Call 0800 11 11 (available 24/7)

You can contact Childline about anything. There are lots of different ways to speak to a Childline counsellor or get support from other young people.

CAMHS Connect

0300 1111 022 (available 9am-7pm)

We help to look after those with emotional wellbeing and mental health difficulties. We offer a variety of interventions and therapies in both individual or group settings. We work with families across our county to help children and young people feel better.

We support children and young people up to the age of 18 and are registered with a GP in Northamptonshire.

Samaritans

116 123 (available 24/7)

Whatever you're going through, you can call us any time, from any phone for FREE.

National CSE helpline for young people

116 000

Young people can now call and text a national helpline to discuss concerns about themselves or others in relation to CSE. Young people will be responded to 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year by trained and experienced staff and volunteers who will offer the chance to share information with police.

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