

Safeguarding children statement to parents and guardians

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The Access Project is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

The Access Project is committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all children taking part in our activities.

Given on-going public concern on the subject of child abuse, we are required to report if we think any child has come to harm as a consequence of possible abuse.

The Access Project has a Designated Child Protection Officer and Deputy Designated Child Protection Officer appointed to be trained in and responsible for Safeguarding and Child Protection matters.

Where there is the possibility that a child could be at risk of abuse or neglect, The Access Project is required to refer the child to their school, Social Workers or the Police, and under these circumstances, the parent or guardian would not normally be contacted first.

Should you wish to talk further about Safeguarding Children and the safety of children on The Access Project, please feel free to contact us:

- Safeguarding number 020 4513 5999 (option 1 for safeguarding)
- Safeguarding team email <u>stayingsafe@theaccessproject.org.uk</u>.

(The numbers are available between 9:00 - 5:30, Monday-Friday).