

ONLINE SAFETY POLICY

Norwich Study Centre (NSC) is committed to providing a safe environment for all students and staff while taking part in our online courses.

The purpose of this policy statement is to:

- Ensure that the safety and wellbeing of children is paramount when adults or children are using the internet, social media or mobile devices
- Provide staff and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to online safety
- Ensure that, as an organisation, we operate in line with our values and within the law in terms of how we use online devices.

The policy statement applies to all staff, students and children and anyone involved in the school's activities.

Legal Framework

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect children in England. Summaries of the key legislation and guidance are available on:

- Online abuse- learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-abuse-and-neglect/online-abuse
- Bullying- learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying
- Child protection- learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-protection-system

We believe that:

- Children should never experience abuse of any kind
- Children should be able to use the internet for education and personal development, but safeguards need to be in place to ensure they are kept safe at all times.

We recognise that:

- The online world provides everyone with many opportunities; however, it can also present risks and challenges
- We have a duty to ensure that all children and adults involved in our organisation are protected from potential harm online
- We have a responsibility to help keep children safe online, whether or not they are using NSC's network and devices

- All children, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse
- Working in partnership with children, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting children's welfare and in helping children to be responsible in their approach to online safety.

We follow Guidelines for conduct of online learning for under 18s which is referred to in our [Safeguarding Policy](#).

If online abuse occurs, we will respond to it according to the procedures mentioned in our Safeguarding Policy.

School Director
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