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Trafford Alternative Education Provision

Safeguarding Statement 2021-22

Trafford Alternative Education Provision is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff, governors, and volunteers to share this commitment.

We have several policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding pledge, including our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy which can be viewed in the Policies section of our website.

At TAEP we listen to our pupils and take seriously what they tell us. All school staff are trained in Child Protection, and students are made aware of the adults they can talk to if they have any concerns. All staff at TAEP are trained in Safeguarding and Child Protection issues and are kept up to date with changes in legislation and practice. We take any allegation and suspicion of abuse seriously and will respond to them promptly. Staff are trained to look out for signs of physical/emotional harm or neglect and are required to report these to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

All staff recruited to the School undergo a rigorous safer recruitment process in line with the Statutory Guidance outlined by Keeping Children Safe in Education 2021 (KCSIE) and as a consequence all of the necessary background checks for example DBS are completed before staff begin employment.

We have adopted the definition of Safeguarding used in the Children Act 1989 and the Children Act 2004 and the DfE guidance document: Working Together to Safeguard Children, which focuses on safeguarding and promoting children, young people and vulnerable adult's welfare.

Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

We actively support the Government's Prevent Agenda to counter radicalism and extremism.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Lynda H Thompson (Executive Headteacher).
Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are: Jasmin Boyes (Deputy

Headteacher), Mark Barcroft (Associate Deputy Headteacher), and Deborah Smethurst (Pastoral and Safeguarding Officer).

Our School Governor with a safeguarding responsibility is Donna Higgins.

All members of the safeguarding team can be contacted via the school office.

Photographs and Videos

Whilst lots of parents and carers enjoy seeing photos and videos of their children's school life we are very mindful of our duty of care towards all our pupils. We take the issue of safeguarding very seriously and this includes the use of photographic and video images.

Any photographs or videos taken by parents, carers, and relatives at sports days or other events are for the enjoyment of individual families. They must not be used in any way that could potentially place a child at risk. This would include publishing images in any form of print or on the internet including social networking sites.

We understand that in exceptional circumstances a parent or carer may not wish their child to be photographed or videoed in this way. If this is the case then please contact the headteacher to discuss how this can be best achieved.

We like to use photographs of our students on our website and ClassDojo, in school documents, for parent information meetings, newsletters, and on our display boards around the school. If you do not wish photographs of your child to be used for these purposes, then please contact the Executive Headteacher.

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<p>Trafford Strategic Safeguarding Partnership 0161 911 8687 TSSP@trafford.gov.uk</p>	<p>Trafford Personal Advisor</p>
<p>Social Care Out of Hours Emergency Duty Team 0161 912 2020</p>	<p><u>Police</u> Non-emergency – 101 Emergency - 999</p>
<p>NW Counter-Terrorism Unit Channel Team 0161 856 6362 channel.project@gmp.police.uk</p>	<p>NSPCC Whistleblowing Helpline NSPCC website</p>

