



*Tomlinscote School
Sixth Form College*

A Specialist Language College

Safeguarding Statement

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At Tomlinscote, the health, safety and well-being of every child are paramount concerns. We will promote the rights of students to be listened to and to be taken seriously so that every child is able to express his or her views, thoughts and concerns.

Our aim is that children will enjoy their time as students in our school. We want to work in partnership with parents/carers to help students to achieve their full potential and make positive contributions.

We are, therefore, committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children and young people. All reasonable steps will be taken to promote safe practices and to protect children from harm, abuse and exploitation.

To promote a safe environment for students, our selection and recruitment policy includes all checks on the suitability of staff and regular volunteers, including Disclosure and Barring Service checks, in accordance with current legislation.

In accordance with our responsibilities under section 175 of the Education Act 2002 and The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006, we have a Designated Person for Safeguarding (Ms H Rushby, Assistant Principal) who has received appropriate training for this role. It is her responsibility to ensure that all members of staff, in contact with children, receive child protection and safeguarding awareness training on a regular basis.

On rare occasions our concern about a child may mean that we have to consult other agencies. Unless it is not safe for a child, we would always aim to achieve this with a parent's consent. The procedures which we follow have been laid down in the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy. If you want to know more about our procedures, please speak to the Interim Principal. The Policy is available on the school website or by request at the school office.

If parents/carers have a concern regarding the safety and well-being of a child/young person then it should be reported to the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (Ms H Rushby, Assistant Principal) by email hrushby@tomlinscoteschool.com or by telephone or letter.

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