

Safeguarding Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy statement is:

- to protect children and young people who access our services from harm.
- to provide staff, clients, students and their families with the overarching principles that guide our approach to child protection.

Scope

This policy applies to anyone working on behalf of Science Boost CIC in any capacity.

Legal framework

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect children in England. A summary of the key legislation is available from [nspcc.org.uk/learning](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/learning).

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We believe that:

- Children and young people should never experience abuse of any kind.
- We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and young people, to keep them safe and to work in a way that protects them.

We recognise that:

- the welfare of children is paramount in all the work we do and in all the decisions we take.
- all children, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation have an equal right to protection from all types of harm or abuse .
- some children are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues.
- working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers, schools and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare.

We will seek to keep students safe by:

- valuing, listening to and respecting them.
- adopting child protection and safeguarding best practice through our policies and procedures.
- refreshing our safeguarding training at least once every calendar year.
- providing training and support for anyone delivering services for Science Boost CIC so that they know and follow our policies, procedures and behaviour codes confidently and competently.

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- recording, storing and using information professionally and securely, in line with data protection legislation and guidance. More information about this is available from the Information Commissioner's Office: ico.org.uk/for-organisations.
- sharing information about safeguarding and good practice with children and their families.
- making sure that students and their families know where to go for help if they have a concern.
- using safeguarding and child protection procedures to share concerns and relevant information with external agencies who need to know, and involving students, clients, families, carers and schools appropriately.
- using our procedures to manage any disclosures and allegations appropriately.
- ensuring that we provide a safe physical environment by applying health and safety measures in accordance with the law and regulatory guidance.
- ensuring that we provide a safe online environment by applying best practice in accordance with the law and regulatory guidance.
- building a safeguarding culture where staff, young people and their families treat each other with respect and are comfortable about sharing concerns.
- conducting DBS checks on all staff and volunteers prior to them working with children or vulnerable adults.

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This policy statement was reviewed on 28/07/2025. We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually. This policy statement and accompanying procedures will next be reviewed on 28/07/2026.

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Signed:- Katie Marshall, Designated Safeguarding Lead