

MID WALES DANCE ACADEMY

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

The safety of children and vulnerable adults is paramount, and all, without exception, have the right to protection from abuse. All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately, and all staff and volunteers at the school have a responsibility to report concerns. The purpose of this policy statement is to protect children and young people who receive Mid Wales Dance Academy's services from harm, and to provide staff and volunteers, as well as children, young people and their families with the overarching principles that guide our approach to child protection.

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

We recognise that:

The welfare of children is paramount in all the work we do and in all the decisions we take.

Working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare

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.

Extra safeguards may be needed to keep children who are additionally vulnerable safe from abuse.

We will seek to keep children and young people safe by:

Valuing, listening to and respecting them.

Appointing a nominated child protection lead for children and young people.

Adopting child protection and safeguarding best practice through our policies, procedures, and code of conduct for staff and volunteers.

Developing and implementing an effective online safety policy and related procedures.

Providing effective management for staff and volunteers through supervision, support, training and quality assurance measures so that all staff and volunteers know about and follow our policies, procedures and behaviour codes confidently and competently.

Recruiting and selecting staff and volunteers safely, ensuring all necessary checks are made.

Recording, storing and using information professionally and securely in line with data protection legislation and guidance.

Making sure children, young people and their families know where to go for help if they have a concern.

Using our safeguarding and child protection procedures to share concerns and relevant information with agencies who need to know, and involving children, young people parents, families and carers appropriately.

Using our procedures to manage any allegations against staff and volunteers appropriately.

Creating and maintaining an anti-bullying environment and ensuring that we have a policy and procedure to help us deal effectively with any bullying that does arise.

Ensuring we have effective complaints and whistleblowing measures in place.

Ensuring we provide a safe physical environment for our children, young people, staff and volunteers, by applying health and safety measures in accordance with the law and regulatory guidance.

Building a safeguarding culture where staff and volunteers, children, young people and their families treat each other with respect and are comfortable about sharing concerns.

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