

# **Central Learning Partnership Trust (CLPT)**

## **Safeguarding Statement of Intent**

CLPT is “wholly committed to ensuring that all children and adults who engage with us are cared for in a safe and secure environment.” To fulfil this commitment, a number of safeguarding arrangements are in place.

### **Policy and Procedures**

We will ensure all policies and procedures in respect of safeguarding children are up to date and in line with DFE Statutory Guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education 2015. The policies are accessible to all staff through the Schools’ websites and the staff areas of the schools IT network, or the CLPT website. School policies and procedures are reviewed regularly to ensure compliance with statutory requirements and good practice.

Each school has a Safeguarding Policy which is available on their school website.

### **Trust Level Responsibilities**

Delegated from Trustees, the CEO has responsibility for Safeguarding across the Trust and will report to Trust Board on Safeguarding Issues. CLPT has a “Safeguarding Champion” who is an Executive Headteacher in the Trust. They provide guidance and support across all schools in the Trust linking with all Safeguarding Leads in schools. The Executive Head is a member of Wolverhampton Safeguarding Board and will regularly report in to Trust Board on developments and any issues. They will also undertake audits of practice across the schools.

### **Disclosure & Barring Checks and Single Central Record**

CLPT meets statutory requirements in relation to Disclosure & Barring Service – all staff and volunteers who work with children are required to have a DBS check. In the vast majority of cases they are required to undergo an enhanced DBS check and if they undertake regulated activity they will also be required to have a prohibition test. All schools keep a Single Central record which is kept up to date. Each term the Safeguarding Lead will audit the record for accuracy purposes.

### **Safeguarding Leads/Child Protection Officers**

The Board of Trustees has ultimate responsibility for Safeguarding issues. Operationally, this responsibility is delegated to the CEO, who leads on policy issues in relation to the safeguarding of children and adults across CLPT. Within each school there are Safeguarding Leads/Child Protection Officers who lead on Child Protection issues within their relevant location reporting to their Headteacher who is responsible for their school. They are clear about their role and receive relevant support, and training, to undertake their roles, which includes close contact with outside agencies including social services, the Local Safeguarding Children’s Board and relevant health care organisations.

### **Training**

All eligible staff and volunteers are required to undertake relevant safeguarding training and this is regularly reviewed by each Safeguarding Lead in school to ensure sure it is up to date.