

Music Academy for Schools LLP

Online Safety Policy Statement

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This policy reads alongside other Music Academy for Schools LLP policies and procedures on child protection and safeguarding. More information about safeguarding and child protection can be found at <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/key-topics/safeguarding-and-child-protection>

The purpose of this policy statement

Music Academy for Schools LLP works with children and families as part of its activities. These include delivering musical tuition, conducts regular instrumental and vocal rehearsals, delivers regular musical performances and tours and hosts musical workshops.

The purpose of this policy statement is to:

- ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and young people is paramount when adults, young people or children are using the internet, social media or mobile devices
- provide staff and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to online safety
- ensure that, as an organisation, we operate in line with our values and within the law in terms of how we use online devices.

The policy statement applies to all staff, volunteers, children and young people and anyone involved in Music Academy for Schools LLP's activities.

Legal framework

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect children in England. Summaries of the key legislation and guidance are available on:

- online abuse <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-abuse-and-neglect/online-abuse>
- bullying <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying>
- child protection <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-protection-system>

We believe that:

- children and young people should never experience abuse of any kind
- children should be able to use the internet for education and personal development, but safeguards need to be in place to ensure they are kept safe at all times.

We recognise that:

- the online world provides everyone with many opportunities; however it can also present risks and challenges
- we have a duty to ensure that all children, young people and adults involved in our organisation are protected from potential harm online
- we have a responsibility to help keep children and young people safe online, whether or not they are using Music Academy for School LLP's network and devices
- all children, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse
- working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare and in helping young people to be responsible in their approach to online safety.

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

- appointing an online safety coordinator
- providing clear and specific directions to staff and volunteers on how to behave online through our behaviour code for adults
- supporting and encouraging the young people using our service to use the internet, social media and mobile phones in a way that keeps them safe and shows respect for others
- supporting and encouraging parents and carers to do what they can to keep their children safe online
- developing an online safety agreement for use with young people and their parents/carers
- developing clear and robust procedures to enable us to respond appropriately to any incidents of inappropriate online behaviour, whether by an adult or a child/young person
- reviewing and updating the security of our information systems regularly
- ensuring that usernames, logins, email accounts and passwords are used effectively
- ensuring personal information about the adults and children who are involved in our organisation is held securely and shared only as appropriate
- ensuring that images of children, young people and families are used only after their written permission has been obtained, and only for the purpose for which consent has been given
- providing supervision, support and training for staff and volunteers about online safety
- examining and risk assessing any social media platforms and new technologies before they are used within the organisation.

If online abuse occurs, we will respond to it by:

- having clear and robust safeguarding procedures in place for responding to abuse (including online abuse)
- providing support and training for all staff and volunteers on dealing with all forms of abuse, including bullying/cyberbullying, emotional abuse, sexting, sexual abuse and sexual exploitation
- making sure our response takes the needs of the person experiencing abuse, any bystanders and our organisation as a whole into account
- reviewing the plan developed to address online abuse at regular intervals, in order to ensure that any problems have been resolved in the long term.

Related policies and procedures:

This policy statement should be read alongside our organisational policies and procedures, including:

- Child Protection Policy and Procedures (Revised 2017)
- Safeguarding Policy Statement
- Code of conduct for Staff and Volunteers
- Disciplinary Procedure
- Photography and image sharing guidance
- GDPR Privacy Policy

Contact details:

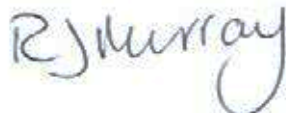
Senior lead for safeguarding and child protection:

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We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually.

This policy was last reviewed on: 24th March 2020

Signed: 

Date: 25th March 2020

Useful contact details.

NSPCC

Worried about a child?

Helpline: 0808 800 5000

Email: help@nspcc.org.uk

Childline: 0800 1111

Burton Upon Trent Social services Department

Adults, Wellbeing Older Persons, District Director and Service Delivery Lead:

1 St Paul's Square

Burton upon Trent

DE14 2EQ

Adults Wellbeing Disabilities and Access Team:

Suite 4, Anglesey House

Anglesey Rd

Burton Upon Trent

DE14 3NT

Childrens:

2-3 St Pauls Square

Burton Upon Trent

DE14 2EQ

Tel: 01283 239888 (Adults)
01283 239666 (Children)

Fax: 01283 233461 (Adults)
01283 239606 (Children)

Text: 07773 792327

Email: eaststaffsadmin@staffordshire.gov.uk (Adults)
burton.socialservices@staffordshire.gov.uk (Children's)

South Derbyshire Social Services Department

Tel: 08456 058 058

Leicestershire Social Services Department

Tel: 0116 305 0005

Fax: 0116 305 0011

Email: childrensduty@leics.gov.uk

Staffordshire Police:

Tel: 0300 1234455

Derbyshire Police:

Tel: 0345 123 3333

Leicestershire Police:

Tel: 0116 222 2222

Crime Stoppers:

Tel: 0800 555 111