Safeguarding statement for parents and carers

Owner: Managing Director

Status: Reviewed annually alongside the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy

This is a public document

Mud Pie Explorers is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects everyone to share this commitment. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as;

- protecting children from maltreatment
- preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development
- ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

Our responsibilities
We have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. We have robust safeguarding policies and procedures in place to guide our response to concerns about a child. We follow the principles of 'Working Together to Safeguard Children'.

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact

Clare Haughton, Designated Safeguarding Lead
clare@mud-pies.co.uk / 07852 434 378

If she is not available please contact:

Colleen Gough, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
colleen@mud-pies.co.uk / 07852 434 572

Mandy Collier-King is the Director appointed to the role of Safeguarding Director.

If your concern relates to a member of staff or volunteer, you should contact the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) via your local council.

If a child is at immediate risk of harm, call the police on 999.

If you cannot contact us, contact your local children's social care team (often called First Response or the Access and Response Team) via your local council website.

Family support
We understand that parenting at any stage can be a challenge. Mud Pie Explorers will work in partnership with parents and carers who may be affected by difficulties that could be adversely affecting the wellbeing of the child. This can include providing parents and carers with information, advice, and resources as well as signposting to family support services.

Information sharing

We will share information appropriately and in a timely way to safeguard children.

Our team will usually discuss child protection concerns with parents and carers before referring to other agencies, however, there may be occasions when Mud Pie Explorers may need to contact another agency such as First Response or the Access and Response Team before informing parents and carers. The Data Protection Act 2018 and UK General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR) do not prevent the sharing of information for the purposes of keeping children safe.

Transfer of safeguarding records
To promote a child's welfare and their educational needs, records relating to concerns about children will be passed on to their educational setting. Records will be transferred safely and securely.

Related documents
This statement should be read alongside our:

- Child Protection And Safeguarding policy and procedures.docx
- Complaints procedure.docx
- Equality, diversity and inclusion policy: service provision
- GDPR and confidentiality policy for service provision.docx
- Risky play policy
- Wellbeing policy .docx