

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Coast and Vale Learning Trust exists to develop the lives of children and is therefore committed to ensuring that they remain safe within their academies.

To this end, the Trust, through the work of its academies will:

- fulfil all of their statutory responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.
- have in place effective child protection, safeguarding and staff conduct policies.
- have clear whistleblowing procedures.
- adhere to safe recruitment practices.
- have a designated professional lead in each school for safeguarding and a trained deputy.
- have a designated safeguarding governor for each school within the Coast and Vale Learning Trust.
- have arrangements in place designed to take account of all possible safeguarding issues including Child Sexual Exploitation and Preventing Radicalisation
- have arrangements for working with other agencies and for sharing information with other professionals.
- take account of their local authority's procedures and practices established by the Local Safeguarding Children's Partnership and comply with any requests from them.
- develop a culture of listening to children and take account of their wishes and feelings.
- provide appropriate supervision and support for staff including undertaking safeguarding induction and training.
- follow clear policies for dealing with allegations against people who work with children.
- have clear procedures in place to handle allegations of abuse against children.
- teach children about keeping themselves safe, including safety online.
- put in place appropriate safeguarding responses to children who are absent from education.
- monitor the quality of safeguarding practices and their impact on outcomes for children through the Headteachers working continuously with the CEO, who will in turn regularly update the Trust board.
- monitor school attendance, punctuality and pupils/students who are deemed to be absent from education.