



Wessex Learning Trust

Safeguarding Statement 2026

Our Commitment

Wessex Learning Trust is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and young people across our family of schools. We believe that every child has the right to feel safe, be heard, be supported and able to learn and thrive, free from abuse, neglect, exploitation, discrimination and harm. We expect all staff, Partners, volunteers, contractors and visitors to share this commitment and uphold the highest standards of safeguarding practice.

Our Responsibilities

Across Wessex Learning Trust, we recognise our statutory and moral responsibility to:

- protect children from maltreatment.
- prevent impairment of children's mental and physical health or development;
- ensure children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care;
- take action to enable all children to achieve the best possible outcomes;
- work effectively with families and other agencies to provide appropriate help, support and protection.

Our Approach

Safeguarding at Wessex Learning Trust goes beyond compliance. It is embedded within our culture, leadership and everyday practice.

Our approach includes:

- Safer recruitment and a safer workforce, ensuring appropriate checks, recruitment processes and expectations are consistently applied.
- Vigilance and early identification, ensuring staff understand indicators of abuse, neglect, exploitation and other forms of harm and know how to respond.
- Effective information sharing, ensuring relevant information is shared lawfully, proportionately and in a timely way where this is necessary to safeguard a child.
- Multi-agency working, working constructively with local authorities, safeguarding partners, children's social care, police, health and other agencies.
- Child-centred practice, ensuring children's voices, experiences and needs are central to decisions affecting them.
- Inclusive and anti-discriminatory practice, recognising the impact that discrimination, racism and inequality can have on children's safety and experiences.

Designated Safeguarding Leads

Each school within Wessex Learning Trust has an appropriately trained Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) who is a member of the school's senior leadership team, supported by trained Deputy DSLs.

If You Have a Concern

If you are worried about the safety or welfare of a child, you should act immediately.

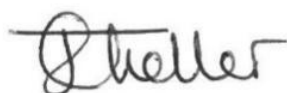
Within a Wessex Learning Trust school, concerns should be reported to the school's DSL or a Deputy DSL in accordance with the school's safeguarding procedures. Concerns may also be reported directly to Children's Social Care or the Police where appropriate.

Key Documents and Guidance

Our safeguarding arrangements and policies reflect current legislation and statutory guidance, including:

- Keeping Children Safe in Education 2026 [Keeping children safe in education 2026 \(comes into force from 1 September 2026\)](#)
- Working Together to Safeguard Children 2026 [Working together to safeguard children GOV.UK](#)
- Prevent Duty Guidance [Prevent duty guidance: England and Wales \(2023\) - GOV.UK](#)
- Local multi-agency safeguarding arrangements and procedures [Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership Get help or report abuse | Children's Safeguarding Partnership](#)

These documents should be read alongside the Wessex Learning Trust Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy 2026 and other relevant Trust policies and procedures.



Mrs Jayne Keller
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