



Safeguarding statement

At Lighthouse school we believe that it is always unacceptable for a child or young person to experience abuse of any kind and recognise our responsibility to safeguard all our students through a commitment to practice which protects them.

Promoting the welfare of our students means:

Ensuring that the welfare of the child/young person is paramount.

- All children, regardless of age, ability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation, or identity, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse.
- Working in partnership with children, young people, and parents/carers and other agencies.

All staff, including governors and volunteers and agency staff are required to demonstrate the same commitment to safeguarding both in principle and in practice.

We expect everyone who works in our school to operate within our policy for safeguarding and child protection.

We will seek to safeguard our students by:

- Valuing them, listening to and respecting them
- Following our safeguarding and child protection policy guidelines and code of conduct
- Ensuring a culture of openness, trust and responsiveness
- Sharing information about safeguarding and child protection good practice with our students, parents/carers, governors, staff, and volunteers
- Sharing information about concerns with agencies who need to know and involving parents and students appropriately.
- Making sure that staff feel well supported, having access to appropriate safeguarding and child protection training and supervision.

We are committed to reviewing good practice continually and reviewing our safeguarding policy in line with local protocols on an annual basis as a minimum.

Leeds Safeguarding Children Board have developed a series of 'One Minute Guides' available for everyone to use. There are over 50 different ones. You can find the guides here

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/one-minute-guides>