

Dorchester Learning Centre



Safeguarding Information

DLC recognises that the welfare of the child is paramount and takes seriously its responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in its care.

Designated Safeguarding Lead = Phil Midworth (Headteacher)

Deputy Safeguarding Leads = Jayne Lewis (Senior Family Worker)

Lucy Murray (Family Worker)

At DLC we aim to work proactively with parents and carers:

- to educate children
- to keep children safe from harm and
- to have their children's welfare promoted

We ensure that all parents and carers are treated with respect, dignity and courtesy. We respect parents' and carers' rights to privacy and confidentiality, so we will not share any sensitive information until we have express permission or when it becomes necessary to protect a child.

DLC will share with parents and carers any concerns we may have about their child unless doing so might place a child at risk of harm.

DLC encourages all parents and carers to disclose any concerns they may have with us. We make parents aware of our Child protection policy.

Information about Safeguarding is readily available and highly visible throughout the school and we have links with the local community through our Pastoral Team that promote the welfare and safeguarding of students. Staff are highly trained in dealing with safeguarding issues and understand that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

As part of our legal obligation to Safer Recruitment, DLC completes enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and seeks appropriate references before making appointments to any posts involving regulated activity with children.

Due to COVID-19 some students are spending more time on-line. This can cause concerns regarding on-line safety. It is important for parents that they have the tools and information to keep their children, no matter what age, safe online. With this in mind, please use the following links to find specialist guidance on a range of online safety topics:

UK Safer Internet Centre – <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

Childnet International – <https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

National Online Safety – <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

KCSIE 2020 –

<https://www.dlconline.co.uk/images/safeguarding/keepingchildrensafeineducation2020.pdf>

DLC Child Protection Policy -

<https://www.dlconline.co.uk/images/safeguarding/childprotectionpolicy2020.pdf>

Honour Based Abuse Fact Sheet

<https://www.dlconline.co.uk/images/safeguarding/honourbasedabusefactsheet.pdf>

County Lines fact Sheet -

<https://www.dlconline.co.uk/images/safeguarding/countylinesfactsheet.pdf>

Child Exploitation Fact Sheet -

<https://www.dlconline.co.uk/images/safeguarding/childexploitationfactsheet.pdf>

Child Sexual Exploitation Fact Sheet -

<https://www.dlconline.co.uk/images/safeguarding/childsexualexploitationfactsheet.pdf>