

Safeguarding, Child Protection and E-safety Policy

1. Safeguarding Children/Vulnerable adults Policy:

Maths Tutor Essex Ltd believe that it is always unacceptable for a child or young person or vulnerable adult to experience abuse of any kind and recognises their responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children, young people and vulnerable adults , by a commitment to practice, which protects them.

We recognise that:

- the welfare of the child/young person / vulnerable adult is paramount
- all people, regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse
- some people are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues
- working in partnership with children, young people, vulnerable adults, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare.

The purpose of the policy:

- To provide protection for the children, young people and vulnerable adults who receive tutoring from Maths Tutor Essex Ltd
- To provide guidance on procedures for staff in the event that they suspect a child, young person or vulnerable adult may be experiencing, or be at risk of, harm.

This policy applies to all staff or anyone working on behalf of Maths Tutor Essex Ltd .

We will seek to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults by:

- valuing them, listening to and respecting them
- adopting child protection guidelines through procedures and a code of conduct for staff
- ensuring all staff are DBS checked
- sharing information about child protection and good practice with children, parents and staff
- sharing information about concerns with agencies who need to know, and involving parents and children appropriately

In the first instance of any tutor suspecting that a student may be at risk from harm, notify Sue Martin immediately

2. Child Protection Policy

This policy applies to all staff and anyone working on behalf of Maths Tutor Essex Ltd

The purpose of this policy:

- to protect children and young people who receive tuition from us
- to provide tutors with the overarching principles that guide our approach to child protection;

Sue Comber Maths Tutors believes that a child or young person should never experience abuse of any kind. We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and young people and to keep them safe. We are committed to practice in a way that protects them.

Legal framework

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of law and guidance that seeks to protect children, namely:

- Children Act 1989
- United Convention of the Rights of the Child 1991
- Data Protection Act 1998
- Sexual Offences Act 2003
- Children Act 2004
- Protection of Freedoms Act 2012
- Relevant government guidance on safeguarding children
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3. E-Safety Policy

This policy and the procedures that it underpins apply to all tutors and anyone working on behalf of Sue Comber Maths Tutors

To protect children and young people who receive tuition and who make use of information technology (such as mobile phones, Tablets and the Internet) as part of their involvement with us;

- To provide staff with the overarching principles that guides our approach to e-safety;
- To ensure that, as an organisation, we operate in line with our values and within the law in terms of how we use information technology.

All computers on the premises are to be used solely for tutoring Maths and all websites used by students are to be age appropriate. Any digital conversations between tutors, students and their parents are to be relating to Maths lessons and Maths in general and any unusual communication is to be reported to Sue Martin

We recognise that:

The welfare of the children/young people who come into contact with our services is paramount and should govern our approach to the use and management of electronic communications technologies.

All children, regardless of age, disability, 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, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare and in helping young people to be responsible in their approach to e-safety;

We will seek to promote e-safety by:

Developing a range of procedures that provide clear and specific directions to staff on the appropriate use of ICT;

Supporting and encouraging the young people using our service to use the opportunities offered by mobile phone technology and the internet in a way that keeps themselves safe and shows respect for others;

Use our procedures to deal firmly, fairly and decisively with any examples of inappropriate ICT use, complaints or allegations, whether by an adult or a child/young person (these may include breaches of filtering, illegal use, cyberbullying, or use of ICT to groom a child or to perpetrate abuse);

Informing parents and carers of incidents of concern as appropriate;

Reviewing and updating the security of our information systems regularly;

Providing adequate physical security for ICT equipment;

Ensuring that user names, logins and passwords are used effectively;

Using only official email accounts provided via the organisation, and monitoring these as necessary;

Ensuring that images of children, young people and families are used only after their written permission has been obtained, and only for the purpose for which consent has been given;

Any social media tools used in the course of our work with children, young people and families must be risk assessed in advance by the member of staff wishing to use them;

Providing effective management for staff and volunteers on ICT issues, through supervision, support and training;

Examining and risk assessing any emerging new technologies before they are used within the organisation.

In the first instance of any tutor suspecting that a student may be at risk from any digital harm, notify Sue Martin immediately

We are committed to reviewing our Safeguarding, Child Protection, E-safety policies and associated good practice regularly.