



Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy Statement

This policy is mandatory for all staff, including senior management, paid staff, volunteers, agency staff, third-party contractors, students or anybody else working on behalf of Your English Summer.

Our policy is to be reviewed on an annual basis and in line with any changes to the law, best practice guidelines, or in light of advice from relevant accrediting bodies. This statement provides a summary of our commitment to the safeguarding and protection of children in the care of Your English Summer. Our full Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy is available on request, by email, in our summer school office and at our Head Office.

Terminology:

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children refers to the process of protecting children from maltreatment, preventing the impairment of health or development, ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care and taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

Child protection refers to the processes undertaken to protect children who have been identified as suffering, or being at risk of suffering significant harm.

The purpose of this policy is:

- To protect the children and young people who receive Your English Summer's services. This also includes the children of adults who may use our services.
- To provide staff and volunteers with the overarching principles which guide our approach to safeguarding and child protection, as well as the necessary information to meet their child protection responsibilities.
- To ensure consistent good practice, including step by step guidance to staff on what action to take if there is an allegation of or a concern about actual or suspected situations of abuse
- To demonstrate Your English Summer's commitment with regards to child protection to students, parents and other partners.

Policy Principles

- Welfare of the student is paramount.
- All students, regardless of age, gender, ability, culture, race, language, religion or sexual identity, have equal rights to protection.
- All staff have an equal responsibility to act on any suspicion or disclosure that may suggest a child is at risk of harm.
- Students and staff involved in child protection issues will receive appropriate support

Your English Summer is committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all of its staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We believe that no young person or child should ever experience abuse of any kind. We recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all students. We endeavour to provide a safe and welcoming environment where students are respected and valued. We are alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and follow our procedures to ensure that students receive effective support, protection and justice. We are committed to practice which protects them.