



**WALSALL  
STUDIO  
SCHOOL**  
TRANSFORMING  
YOUR FUTURE...



Support



Community

# **STUDENT-FRIENDLY SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

**Approved by: The Principal  
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**Staff in school think that Safeguarding means that they should:**

- ✓ Protect you from harm.
- ✓ Make sure nothing stops you being healthy or developing properly.
- ✓ Make sure you are safely looked after.
- ✓ Make sure you have the best life chances and can grow up happy and successful.

**Staff agree that to make sure they look after you they will:**

- ✓ Make sure the school is a friendly, welcoming and supportive place to spend time in. Somewhere you want to be.
- ✓ Be there for you to talk to if you need to and know who to ask for help.
- ✓ Give you safe messages in your lessons to help you learn how to look after yourself both online and in the real world.
- ✓ Have all the right rules in place to help look after you. They will follow these rules all of the time (these rules are called policies).

**ABUSE**

**When someone hurts you it can be called abuse.**

**This is when someone does something to you that is harmful, unpleasant or painful like:**

- If someone deliberately hits you, hurts you, injures you or humiliates you in different ways.
- If someone says or does something that makes you feel bad about yourself or hurts your feelings, which makes you feel scared, sad, upset or frightened.
- If someone doesn't take proper care of you so you feel abandoned, lonely or neglected. You might not be able to eat or wash regularly, or you might not be able to come to school every day or on time.

Abuse is never ok and if you are being or have been abused you must remember – it is not your fault. You must **always tell someone** and they will help it to stop.

**IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL**

All of the staff at WALSALL STUDIO SCHOOL will do their best to make sure the building is safe for you to learn in and spend time in. We will make sure that we know who everyone is school by asking visitors to sign in at reception. You will always know who a visitor to the school is because they will have signed in at reception and will be wearing a visitor badge around their neck. The building, outside areas and fields will be as safe as they can be for you so that you don't hurt yourself, although accidents can happen if you are not careful. Staff will look after you if the fire alarm goes off and you should know what to do and where to go. When you leave school to go on a trip, the staff will make sure they can keep you safe wherever you are going.

## WHAT WE WILL DO

### **At WALSALL STUDIO SCHOOL we will help you in the following ways:**

- We will do our best to spot if there is a problem. All of the adults in school have had training in this.
- We will work with other people (including the people at home) to help protect you and solve any problems you may have.
- We will listen to you if you want to talk to us and need our help. We will always take you seriously.
- We will support and encourage you and will respect your wishes and views. You can talk to any member of staff, but you should know that there are a number of staff who are responsible for making sure you are safe and well cared for, and they listed below.

### **It is important that you know:**

- It is never your fault if someone is hurting or abusing you.
- There is always someone who can help you.
- If someone is hurting you, they might also be hurting someone else so it is important that you tell someone to make it stop.
- Every child should enjoy their right to a happy and safe childhood.

**DO NOT BE SCARED TO TELL SOMEONE STRAIGHT AWAY  
WE WILL ALWAYS LISTEN.**

**ANY DISCLOSURE MADE WILL BE PASSED TO ANNA BRANTON WHO IS THE  
DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING OFFICER.**

### **People in school who can help you:**

Ms Anna Branton (DSL)      Your Form Tutor      Your Pastoral Lead / Head of Year  
Your Personal Coach      A member of the school's leadership team  
Any other adult in school

## TIPS FOR KEEPING YOURSELF SAFE

**Bullying** - If you think a student or an adult is bullying you or someone you know, you must tell your teacher/parent/carer or someone you can trust as soon as you can. It won't stop unless you do.

**Saying funny things to you** - If a student or a adult says something to you, or you hear something that you do not like or that upsets you, you must tell your teacher/parent/carer or someone you can trust.

**Touching you** -Your body belongs to you and not to anyone else. This means all of your body. If someone touches you on a part of your body you do not like, it is **NOT OK**. You must tell your teacher/parent/carer or someone you can trust as soon as you can.

**Hitting, punching or smacking you** - If a student or a grown up hits, punches or smacks you or hurts you in any way, you must tell your teacher/parent/carer or someone you can trust as soon as you can.

**Bullying** should not be kept a secret. You must tell your teacher/parent/carer or someone you can trust as soon as you can. Do not keep a secret.

**Presents** - Presents are a good thing to get, but you should not take a present from anyone without checking with your parents first. Most of the time it will be ok, but sometimes people try and trick young people into doing something by giving them presents (like sweets, money or phones) This is sometimes called a bribe. If it does not seem right, tell someone as soon as you can.

**On the computer or your phone** - Computers and mobile phones help us all to share things and talk to our friends or family, but they can also make it easier for bullies and other people that want to hurt you to get close to you. It is important to know how to keep yourself safe on your computer, your phone and on websites. WALSALL STUDIO SCHOOL has an e-safety policy which is there to protect you. If you are unhappy with any comments or photographs you've seen on your computer or mobile then you can also contact [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) as well as adults in school.