



## **FESP Child Protection Policy**

This policy applies to all staff, including senior managers and the board of trustees, paid staff, volunteers and sessional workers, agency staff, students or anyone working on behalf of Furness Education and Skills Partnership.

The purpose of this policy:

- to protect children and young people who receive Furness Education and Skills Partnership's services. This includes the children of adults who use our services;
- to provide staff and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to child protection;

Furness Education and Skills Partnership 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

We will seek to keep children and young people safe by:

- valuing them, listening to and respecting them
- adopting child protection practices through procedures and a code of conduct for staff and volunteers, when working in an educational establishment we will follow the establishment's child protection policy and procedures
- developing and implementing an effective e-safety policy and related procedures,
- providing effective management for staff and volunteers through supervision, support and training
- recruiting staff and volunteers safely, ensuring all necessary checks are made
- sharing information about child protection and good practice with children, parents, staff



and volunteers

- sharing concerns with agencies who need to know and involving parents and children appropriately.
- appointing a designated safeguarding Lead. Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs Janet Dixon, former Headteacher of Barrow Island Primary School and FESP Trustee.

We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually.

This policy was last reviewed on: 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Signed: 

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Chair of the board of trustees