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EAST COAST GUARDIANS SAFEGUARDING POLICY

SAFEGUARDING

The purpose of this policy statement is:

- To protect children and young people who receive East Coast Guardian`s services from harm. This includes the children of adults who use our service.
- To provide staff and volunteers, as well as children and young people and their families, with the overarching principles that guide our approach to child protection.

This policy applies to anyone working on behalf of East Coast Guardians, including senior managers and the board of trustees, paid staff, volunteers, sessional workers, agency staff and students.

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect children in England. A summary of the key legislation is available from www.nspcc.org.uk/learning

East coast guardians have a safeguarding policy to ensure that students are protected and not put at any risk. The policy also covers, drivers, employees, host families and any other party involved in the care of students and ensures that they are protected appropriately while carrying out their duties.

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This policy is implemented by on-going and regular contact with all parties:

- Students are visited on a regular basis and asked for feedback when they have stayed with host families in order to alert East Coast Guardians to any problems.
- Host families are contacted and visited on a regular basis to ensure that we are made aware of any problems they may have had during the time they have been hosting our students. This is also the way in which we ensure that we keep up-to-date with any changes within the host family home or with their ability to carry out their duties.

East coast guardians Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy – including Safer Recruitment Policy – is the main part of this safeguarding policy, but other policies are all part of the Safeguarding Policy in place and should be read in conjunction with this.

REVIEWS & UPDATES

This safeguarding policy and the other policies are all reviewed and updated annually.

POLICIES

The policies that form part of this Safeguarding Policy are:

Behaviour

Complaints

Emergency Procedure Policy

Data Protection

Health and Safety

Missing Persons

Illness/Injury & Allergy policy

All are available on the East coast guardian's website: www.eastcoastguardians.co.uk



TRAINING

On-going advice and information is sent to host families, East coast guardians staff are always available to assist host families and visit to advise on any questions they may have. Host families are supplied with information about how to access all policies and information. All are given a copy of the Child Protection policy. Host families are given detailed information about the students going to stay with them.

LIAISON WITH PARENTS, SCHOOLS AND AGENTS

· The guardianship organisation may be required to share confidential safeguarding information with the DSL of the school or college that the student attends. When a student moves school or college, safeguarding information may be shared with the DSL of the new school. All schools and colleges have their own safeguarding and child protection policies that outline their procedures.

These can be found on their websites.

· Whilst the guardianship organisation will work openly with parents as far as possible, it reserves the right to contact the LSP or the police, without notifying parents if this is believed to be in the child's best interests.

· East coast guardians will not usually share safeguarding information with agents unless it is necessary

to safeguard the student. In this case information will be provided on a need-to- know basis and on the understanding that it should be kept strictly confidential.



CONCERNS ABOUT A CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON

If a member of East coast guardian`s staff, a host family member or a driver has concerns about a child or young person – no matter what the concern may be – please contact the director – details are given below. No concern is too small and it is much better if a problem is picked up in the early stages rather than letting it grow.

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