

Safeguarding Young People and Vulnerable Adults and Child Protection Policy 2025

**Celtic English Academy – Junior Summer Programme in Monmouth
School for Boys**

Table of Contents

Safeguarding Young People and Vulnerable Adults and Child Protection Policy 2025	1
● Section 1 - Introduction	5
▪ 1.1 Context	5
▪ 1.2 Scope	5
▪ 1.3 Accommodation	5
▪ 1.4 Statement of Policy	5
▪ 1.5 Terminology	5
▪ 1.6 Staff Responsibilities related to Safeguarding	7
▪ 1.7 Designated Safeguarding team	8
▪ 1.8 Key training responsibilities	8
▪ 1.9 Outside Contacts	9
▪ 1.10 Legal framework	9
▪ 1.11 Key publications	10
▪ 1.12 Industry specific/best practice guidance	10
▪ 1.13 Policy review	10
▪ 1.14 Policy Availability	10
● Section 2: Code of Conduct	11
▪ 2.1 Statement of intent	11
▪ 2.2 Guidelines for all Junior Summer Programme Staff.	11
● Attitudes	11
● Prohibited Actions	11
● Ensuring General Well-Being	11
● Welfare provision	12
● One-to-One contact with students	12
● Whistleblowing	12
● Section 3: Practical Safeguarding measures	13
▪ 3.1 Before Arrival: Parental Consent	13
▪ 3.2 Arrival: Airport Transfers	15

▪ 3.3 Arrival	15
▪ 3.4 In the Classroom	15
▪ 3.5 Awareness	15
▪ 3.6 Social programme	15
▪ 3.7 Unsupervised time	16
▪ 3.8 Electronic contact with students under 18	16
▪ 3.9 Mealtimes	17
▪ 3.10 Dealing with problems outside waking hours	17
▪ 3.11 Use of risk assessments	18
● Section 4: Accommodation	18
▪ 4.1 Accommodation	18
▪ 4.2 Practical measures for staff to take in relation to safeguarding students in accommodation	19
● Section 5: Child Protection	19
▪ 5.1 Definition	19
▪ 5.2 Introduction	19
▪ 5.3 Children and young people	20
▪ 5.4 Parents	20
▪ 5.5 Staff	20
▪ 5.6 Visitors to Celtic English Academy	20
▪ 5.7 Third party organisations	20
▪ 5.8 Child Protection Officer	20
● Section 6 – Dealing with disclosures	20
▪ 6.1 Procedure for reporting allegations or suspicions of abuse	21
▪ 6.2 Responsibility of staff to report	21
▪ 6.3 Guidance on handling a disclosure from a child	21
▪ 6.4 Further action	23
▪ 6.5 Review of allegations	23
▪ 6.6 Differentiating between a concern and danger of significant harm	24

▪ 6.7 Record keeping	24
▪ 6.8 Information Sharing	25
▪ 6.8 If an adult is accused	26
▪ 6.9 Procedure if the DSL or a senior manager is accused	26
▪ 6.10 Accusations against children	26
▪ 7.1 Types of abuse	27
● Section 8 Recruitment and Training	29
▪ 8.1 Safer recruitment	29
● Terminology related to safer recruitment	29
● Recruitment	32
● Training	32
● Delayed DBS Checks	32
●	33
● Failed DBS checks	33
▪ 8.2 Training	34
● Section 9 - Online safety for students	35
● 9.1 E-Safety Advice	35
● Section 10 – Prevent	35
▪ 10.1 Introduction to Prevent	35
▪ 10.2 Sources	36
▪ 10.3 Understanding terminology	36
▪ 10.4 Understanding the risk of extremism	36
▪ 10.5 Counteracting risks	37
▪ 10.6 Training and awareness	37
▪ 10.9 How to identify and support vulnerable students	37
● Appendix 1: Risk Assessment	39
● Appendix 2: Full DBS Failure Checklist	41

• Section 1 - Introduction

▪ 1.1 Context

Celtic English Academy (CEA) is a private language school which offers English language tuition in Cardiff and started trading in 2004. The year-round academy is situated in three Edwardian properties on a quiet street in central Cardiff: 12, 14 and 18 Park Grove.

Celtic English Academy ran its first Junior Summer Programme in North Wales in 2018. This also ran the following year in 2019.

Since 2023, the CEA Junior Summer Programme has been held at Haberdashers Monmouth School in South Wales, welcoming students of all genders. The programme runs for six weeks during July and August and is open to students aged 11 to 17.

The aim of this policy is to ensure that all stakeholders connected to our Junior Summer Programme are aware of their roles and responsibilities with regards to safeguarding so as to ensure the health, safety and well-being of under 18 students.

The person with overall responsibility for this policy is Sondrine Sharland.

▪ 1.2 Scope

This policy relates to CEA's Junior Summer Programme in South Wales. A separate safeguarding policy and procedures are in place for the year-round centre in Cardiff.

▪ 1.3 Accommodation

Accommodation is provided boarding house in either single, shared or en-suite rooms. Entry to the boarding house buildings is by a code pad, the code will be given to the students on arrival.

▪ 1.4 Statement of Policy

We recognise our duties in caring for the welfare of all students – inclusive of those under 18 and vulnerable adults - regardless of race, nationality, sex, gender identity, religious beliefs or sexual orientation.

We believe all children are entitled to protection from harm and recognise the role we play in this.

As well as our child protection duties (protecting children from direct harmful behaviour), we also recognise our wider responsibility for the safeguarding of under 18 year old students, that is, looking after their overall welfare (including health, safety, and pastoral care) and ensuring that sufficient measures are in place to prevent any harm.

▪ 1.5 Terminology

For the purposes of clarity and accessibility, common terms used in this policy and their acronyms are outlined below.

Safeguarding - Safeguarding is an umbrella term. It can apply to:

- children (aged under 18) or
- vulnerable adults.

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. Practical safeguarding can include (depending on age of students / situation):

- food and eating
- medical needs
- pastoral care
- supervision and security
- smoking, alcohol and substance misuse
- e-safety
- visitors to site
- preventing radicalisation
- child protection.

Child protection	• A part of safeguarding: This is the need to protect under 18s from direct harmful behaviour, e.g. abuse.
Under 18s	• Any students who have not yet reached their 18th birthday irrespective of the age of majority in their home country or the location of the English Language Tuition (ELT) provision.
Duty of care	• Duty of care is the moral and legal obligation to ensure the safety and wellbeing of others. • This applies particularly to adults working with under 18s to look after them and to 'protect them from that which is not in their best interests.'
Vulnerable adult	• A vulnerable adult is a student or visitor to the academy over the age of 18 who is or may be for any reason unable to take care of him or herself, or unable to protect him or herself against significant harm or exploitation. • Individuals may be considered to be more vulnerable if they have one or more of the following attributes: ○ Physical (e.g. sight or hearing impediment, mobility) ○ Psychological (e.g. emotional or mental health difficulties) ○ Special needs (e.g. dyslexia, behavioural difficulties) ○ Low level of English ○ Unfamiliarity with the local area and local customs.

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	• A person who has undertaken specialist safeguarding for designated lead training, and • Has overall responsibility for ensuring this policy is implemented at a practical and operational level. Responsibilities fall into three broad areas: Managing referrals, training and raising awareness. At CEA's Junior Summer Programme, this person is Sondrine Sharland (off site). In her absence, this role is undertaken by Louise Ellis (off site).
Designated Safeguarding Staff (DSS)	• Members of staff who have undertaken Advanced safeguarding for designated staff, and • Are responsible for ensuring safeguarding measures are implemented on a day to day basis and maintaining records. • The DSS at CEA's Junior Summer Programme is Beth Piper and Terry Lodge.
Local Safeguarding Children's board	• Responsible for ensuring effective safeguarding services within every local authority. • LSCB website provides contact details, for e.g. Children's Social Care for concerns about children and the Local Area Designated Officer (LADO) for allegations about staff.

Throughout this policy, "We" pertains to all adults with regulated activity/substantial access to under-18s, including teachers, administrative/reception staff, additional service providers (e.g. taxi drivers), junior activity leaders and visiting group leaders.

▪ **1.6 Staff Responsibilities related to Safeguarding**

All staff are responsible for safeguarding under 18s and vulnerable adults, and to aid them in this they are all trained in Safeguarding Basic Awareness. As part of the staff induction, all staff are made aware of the need to report any concerns or allegations and who the current DSL at the Junior Summer Programme.

A DSL trained to Specialist Level will be available to respond to any questions or issues remotely, with a dedicated focus on the Junior Summer Programme. An allocated deputy will be in place to act in their absence or if they become unavailable. However, should their presence on site be required, they are able to travel to Monmouth, which is within a 45-minute drive. At least two members are trained to (Advanced) to ensure there is always cover in the case of absence.

▪ **1.7 Designated Safeguarding team**

CEO
Shoko Doherty (CEO) Trained to Basic Location: Management Office, Top Floor, 18 Park Grove Email: shoko@celticenglish.co.uk Tel: 02920 828287
Designated Safeguarding Lead
Sondrine Sharland (Head of Operations) {Offsite} Designated Safeguarding Lead Trained to Specialist Location: Operations Office, Top Floor, 18 Park Grove Email: Sondrine@celticenglish.co.uk Tel: 02920 828293
Designated Safeguarding Persons
Beth Piper (Centre Manager) Designated safeguarding member of staff Trained to Advanced Email: Bethany.P@celticenglish.co.uk Terry Lodge (Academic Manager) Designated safeguarding member of staff Trained to Advance Email: Terry@celticenglish.co.uk Louise Ellis (Junior Academic Course Director) (Offsite) Designated safeguarding member of staff Deputise for DSL Trained to level 3 Email: louise@celticenglish.co.uk

▪ **1.8 Key training responsibilities**

- The **Activities Coordinator** has overall responsibility for training and is responsible for organising the training of activity leaders.
- The **Academic Manager** is responsible for the training of teachers.

1.9 Outside Contacts

Local and regional services can provide professional advice and support with regard to any safeguarding concerns. We recognise that as an English language provider within Wales there are differences to policy and procedures here compared to those in other parts of the U.K.

If a child or adult is in immediate risk of harm or danger call 999 and speak to the police.

Below is a list of key contacts which Celtic English Academy can work with in regard to safeguarding at its Junior Summer Programme.

Organisation	Details	Contact Information
Regional Safeguarding Board Monmouthshire	https://www.gwentsafeguarding.org.uk/en/report-a-child-at-risk https://www.safeguarding.wales/en/	Monmouthshire: Tel: 01291 635 669 Email: ChildDuty@monmouthshire.gov.uk
NSPCC National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children	If cannot contact LSCB or not satisfied with LSCB's advice.	Tel: 0808 800 5000 Between 8am - 10pm or weekends between 9am-6pm Email: help@nspcc.org.uk
Disclosure and Barring Services	Forms and Guidance: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-referrals-form-and-guidance	Tel: 01325 953795
Monmouth Police Station	19 Glendower St, Monmouth NP25 3DG	Tel: 01633 838111 general enquires 101 - report non-emergencies 999 - report emergencies

1.10 Legal framework

Children Act 1989	Duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children
Children Act 2004	Safeguarding Children Boards established
Equality Act 2010	Protection against discrimination
Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure 2011	Placing the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into law
Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014	Became law in April 2016; far-reaching changes in social care provision in Wales, based on need.

Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015	Prevent Duty: action to counter radicalisation/extremism
Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015	7 well-being goals, core aims linked to articles in UNCRC, for everyone living in Wales
Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023	A guide to multi-agency working to help, protect and promote the welfare of children

▪ **1.11 Key publications**

- Keeping Learners Safe (issued by Dept for Education & Skills)
- Safeguarding Children in education: handling allegations of abuse against teachers and other staff (Welsh Government circular no: 009/2014. April 2014)
- Working Together to Safeguard People in Wales 2018
- Keeping Children Safe in Education July 2025 (for information – pending publication)

▪ **1.12 Industry specific/best practice guidance**

- Accreditation UK Criteria, Requirements and Guidance Document (specifically criteria S1 – S8)
- Accreditation UK <https://www.britishcouncil.org/education/accreditation/information-centres/care-children>
- The Independent School Inspectorate's framework (2023)

▪ **1.13 Policy review**

This policy is reviewed at least annually prior to the start of that years' Junior Summer Programme and is updated whenever legislation or guidance changes or when a named person in the policy changes. The policy may also be updated following inspections and guidance from external bodies.

The last time the policy has been reviewed is recorded within the footer, along with a date for review.

▪ **1.14 Policy Availability**

This policy can be found on the academy's google drive in the Staff Policies folder to which all staff have read only rights. The policy is also available electronically on CEA's website

- **Section 2: Code of Conduct**

- **2.1 Statement of intent**

First and foremost, we seek to establish a safe and trusting environment for our students. This helps to ensure that students feel secure, and happy, and reduces the risk of actions by adults being misconstrued.

- **2.2 Guidelines for all Junior Summer Programme Staff.**

- **Attitudes**

We expect the best possible conduct of ourselves and colleagues, remembering that:

- We are role models for under 18s in our care
- We consider at all times how our actions will be construed by under 18s
- We dress appropriately for interacting with under 18s (i.e. clothing should not be too revealing or feature sexual or offensive slogans)
- We recognise under 18s as different to adults, even if they are mature
- We are aware, approachable, and understanding
- We report to a DSL/DSP anything we (or other members of staff) may have done accidentally which may have been misconstrued by a child or may turn into an allegation (e.g. if the child seems to become infatuated with a member of staff)

- **Prohibited Actions**

We abide by the following rules of best practice when dealing with under 18s. We

- Do not use inappropriate language
- Do not encourage the use of drugs and alcohol
- Do not shout, threaten or be aggressive
- Do not connect with under 18s on social media or give them our personal phone number
- Do not make physical contact (*except in the case of administering first aid*)
- Do not contact or socialise with them alone outside of school
- Do not force an under 18 to do something they do not want to do.

- **Ensuring General Well-Being**

The following applies to all students; however, staff need to consider the implications of the following to our under-18s and vulnerable adults.

- All students should be dressed appropriately for school and should not wear any clothes that would offend anyone, e.g. clothes that are too revealing or T-shirts with offensive slogans or images. If you see anyone who is dressed inappropriately or is wearing something which may cause offence, please speak to them, or ask a member of staff of the same gender as the student to speak to them.
- While bullying is clearly against the school rules, staff should be particularly sensitive to the possibility of under-18s being bullied. Ensure that all students treat others with respect and don't allow students to talk to one another in an inappropriate way even if they say it's just a joke or they don't really mean it. Please refer to the section on Recognising Abuse under Child Protection below.
- Keep an eye on who under 18s appear to be socialising with. Do they appear to be uncomfortable with the people they are with?

- **Welfare provision**

Looking after the welfare of students is the responsibility of all staff and in most cases, can be attended to by the receiving member of staff. If the student is upset about a specific area of their experience, for instance, their accommodation, then they should be directed to the appropriate member of staff.

If the student is upset about a personal problem, they should be listened to and the matter reported to the DSL/ DSP. If appropriate, the student should be signposted to external services they can access through their GP or local charities.

If relevant, their group leader or Head of House should be spoken to and a monitoring process agreed to make sure someone is keeping them under observation.

- **One-to-One contact with students**

Staff should:

- Not spend excessive amounts of time alone with any student away from others.
- In the event of having to meet with an individual vulnerable adult, child or young person make every effort to keep this meeting as open as possible.

If privacy is needed, ensure that other staff are informed of the meeting and its location. For these meetings there should be two members of staff, one male and one female, present. Staff are strongly advised against meeting any student, especially of the opposite sex, alone in a closed space.

- **Whistleblowing**

The Academy recognises that effective and honest communication is essential if concerns about breaches or failures are to be effectively dealt with and the Academy's success ensured.

This policy applies where a staff member reasonably believes that one of the following sets of circumstances is occurring, has occurred, or may occur within the Academy and that the disclosure is in the public interest.

- A criminal offence has been committed, is being committed or is likely to be committed.
- A person has failed, is failing or is likely to fail to comply with any legal obligation to which he or she is subject.

In the context of Safeguarding, this would be any instance when a member of staff is worried a colleague may be engaging or may have engaged or may be at risk of engaging in any inappropriate or illegal activity with students.

If a staff member believes that any of the above practices are happening in the Academy, they should initially raise the issues with their Line Manager, who will treat the matter in confidence.

It is not necessary to prove the alleged breach or failure has occurred or is likely to occur, it is enough to simply raise a reasonable suspicion.

For more information, please consult the Employee Handbook.

• Section 3: Practical Safeguarding measures

▪ 3.1 Before Arrival: Parental Consent

A parental consent form is required for all students under 18 years old and is sent by email for completion by a parent or guardian prior to the student's arrival.

The form asks for the following:

Whether or not permission is given for:

- If the student is to receive emergency medical or dental treatment if a specialist should decide this is necessary.
- The student may participate in all aspects of the course including various activities on campus e.g. football, cricket, basketball, badminton and tennis. I give permission for the student to attend the organised activity programme.
- The student may participate in organised adventure activities that could be part of the social, cultural and education activities and excursion programme
- The student to appear in photographs or videos of students attending the Junior Summer Programme; and

- If the student is 15 years or over, they may be allowed to leave the main campus without Celtic English Academy staff to enjoy free time within restrictions determined by the Centre Manager.
- If the parent/ guardian agrees for the student being given non-prescription medicine for minor illnesses.

In addition, the form asks parents and guardians to:

- Agree to CEA collecting, storing and processing of data
- Agree that the student has the correct visa, if required, to enter the UK and a valid passport

It also asks parents and guardians to state:

- Any dietary requirements or religious requests
- Contact details of the student's doctor in their home country
- Whether or not the student has any medical conditions including: Asthma / bronchitis, heart condition, fits / fainting / blackouts, severe headaches / migraine, eczema / skin condition, hay fever, diabetes, any known allergies to medication (e.g. penicillin) other allergies (e.g. nut, lactose, gluten, chlorine, Velcro, etc.), travel sickness, convulsions / epilepsy, regular hospital treatment, dyslexia, autism, Asperger, learning difficulties or psychological condition, ADHD, mental health problems (e.g. depression), anxiety, anorexia, bulimia, OCD – Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, acrophobia, claustrophobia or nyctophobia
- Any vaccinations which the student may have had
- If the student takes any medication and/ or injections and if he/ she will be bringing any medication with him/ her
- The student's ability to swim
- The student's eyesight
- Whether or not the student requires any support in the classroom.

In the event that the form is returned and raises a cause for concern, the parent/ guardian will be contacted so that additional control measures can be put in place.

Two emergency contacts are requested to include telephone number, email address and the relationship to the student.

Parents or guardians also are provided with an emergency phone number that can be used outside of office hours if they have concerns about the welfare of their child. This number is also given to the student in case of problems with their arrival.

Parents are made aware that students may have periods of unsupervised time outside the scheduled lesson or activity times, appropriate to the age of the students and the location.

▪ **3.2 Arrival: Airport Transfers**

Under 18s are required to book an airport transfer with Celtic English Academy for their arrival and departure. However, in some cases parents/ guardians may make alternative arrangements. If an airport transfer is not booked through the academy, additional details are requested as to whom will accompany the student, a contact name and number and confirmation of flight details

▪ **3.3 Arrival**

Students are issued with a lanyard. Students will be supplied with an orange lanyard for those that are over 15 and have permission to leave site, it must be in groups of three as a minimum. A blue lanyard is issued to those that do not have permission to leave site unaccompanied. DSP identifies themselves to all students on their first day at the Junior Programme and all students are given an emergency phone number for use 24-hours a day.

▪ **3.4 In the Classroom**

All students are normally expected to attend classes and be on time every day. Any students who are unable to attend class due to sickness will have supervision arranged by the Centre Manager (or Duty Manager in their absence) and the Academic Manager will be informed of this. The teachers are asked to contact the Academic Manager via Whatsapp if any students are not present within the first 10 mins of the lesson starting. The Academic Manager will liaise with Social Activity Leaders, group Leaders, and Centre Manager to locate the student and ensure they are accompanied to class or, in the event of sickness or injury, they are treated accordingly. Teachers and Social Activity leaders will have access to specific Whatsapp groups to be able to inform the centre manager and also Academic Manager.

▪ **3.5 Awareness**

A 'Safeguarding Awareness' poster is displayed in the residential accommodation to communicate to all students who the DS is and who the primary and secondary DSL are and what to do if faced with a concern, allegation or disclosure.

▪ **3.6 Social programme**

Events on the social programme take a range of forms, such as afternoon, evening or full-day excursions or activities

All activity leaders should be aware of the potential risks for the activity they are leading. If in doubt, they must consult the Social Activity Organiser before undertaking an event. All activity

leaders and teachers are issued with the related risk assessment and instructions related to the Social Programme activity they are about to lead.

Students under 15 will not have free time to themselves during excursions. Students aged 15 and above may be given free time to explore within specified boundaries. Students will be told to stay in groups of at least 3. In case of difficulty, all students will have a written copy of the emergency number on their student card.

Transportation is undertaken using private coaches. Activity leaders should carry out a roll call when boarding/ leaving coaches to ensure that no students are left behind.

It is the responsibility of the activity leader to be aware of the environment that they are taking students into. They must check websites for any potential danger (such as heavy traffic, crowded trains, demonstrations)

Activity leaders should ensure that all students understand where and at what time to meet the group after their free time is over.

The staff-student ratio on social activities for ages 11+ is 1:15-20. This ratio is adhered to under the advice of the 1998 DfEE publication Health and Safety of Pupils on Educational Visits, which was included in the British Council Care of Under 18s Guidance 2016, as accessed from the British Council website on 5th June 2018.

If group leaders from organised groups are present, they may be included as supervisors, but must be fully briefed on safety and transport arrangements and are only responsible for their own group.

Risk assessments given to activity staff cover issues that may arise from having under 18s on the activity provided as part of planning details supplied by the Lead Activity Leader.

▪ **3.7 Unsupervised time**

Students aged 15 or over may be granted free time to explore Monmouth at specified times within the daily schedule provided written parental consent has been given; that if they are in a group and the group leader has also consented. Students must stay in groups of at least three. If any suspicious behaviour is thought to take place, the right to leave site may be removed at the discretion of the Centre Manager.

▪ **3.8 Electronic contact with students under 18**

Electronic contact is defined as the communication or publication of information including images between two or more people using an electronic device. An electronic device in this instance is most likely to be a mobile phone, but may also be a landline, other handheld device, gaming console or software or computers or similar.

Electronic contact may include but is not limited to voice calling or voice messages, text messaging, instant messaging, email, social networking sites, apps, blogs, photos and videos.

We abide by the following rules of best practice when dealing with under 18s:

- Do not connect with under 18s on social media or give them your personal phone number.
- Social media includes but is not limited to Facebook, Snapchat, WhatsApp, Viber, WeChat or any other similar site or app.
- If contact with an U18 is necessary, such as in the event of an emergency if they are missing, consider your language making sure it is simple, factual, unemotive and has no risk of being misconstrued.
- If there is a reason other than in an emergency when you feel it is necessary to contact an U18, gain permission from the DSP.

Further information is in the Safe Internet Use Policy distributed to agents and parents at the point of booking.

▪ **3.9 Mealtimes**

To safeguard students at mealtimes and ensure that they do not consume food which they be allergic to, have an intolerance to or are not supposed to consume for religious reasons, the following measures have been put in place:

- There is a register of Students who have an intolerance or allergy, they make themselves aware to the catering team in Monmouth.
- All food is labelled so they are aware of any potential ingredients they should not consume.
- A member of staff is present at the point of service to ensure food is not accidentally served to a student who may have an intolerance and/ or allergy
- Parents are asked to declare any allergies/ intolerances which the student may have before the programme.
- Monmouth School for Boys Catering team is informed of any intolerances/ allergies any students may have.
- The programme is nut-free as a minimum.
- Vegetarian, vegan, Halal and gluten free options are available each day.

▪ **3.10 Dealing with problems outside waking hours**

Celtic's duty of care extends outside of waking hours.

The Junior Summer Programme is residential, and all students will be in the building by 22:00. All students and staff are not within the same residential block. Group Leaders will be present as additional adults available for pastoral care but are not relied upon in staff:student ratios.

ALs check students are in their bedroom every evening and students are expected to be in their rooms and asleep between 11pm and 7am. Lights out will be at 11pm every evening. Activity Leaders will monitor the corridors from 10pm to 12am every night.

Between 11pm and 7am, students are able to contact a member of staff to help deal with a problem by either calling the emergency number or by knocking on the staff accommodation located in their building which are clearly identified.

▪ **3.11 Use of risk assessments**

Underpinning the above provision is CEAs use of risk assessments and a comprehensive range of Risk Assessments are carried out prior to the start of the programme when needed.

Before engaging in any activity with students, teachers and activity leaders must read the relevant risk assessment and understand it.

The fact that an activity has been risk assessed does not mean that there are no risks to students. However, potential risks to students can be significantly reduced when staff follow safety provisions outlined in the risk assessment.

● **Section 4: Accommodation**

▪ **4.1 Accommodation**

The only form of accommodation available at CEA Junior Summer Programme are individual ensuite rooms or single and mixed rooms with a shared bathroom, based in our Monmouth School. In order to ensure the health, safety and well-being of students, the following measures are put in place:

- Rooms are separated by gender with live-in group leaders where possible
- Staff rooms are clearly identified
- Rooms are inspected on a weekly basis, with students present, to ensure students are in the room/bed allocated to them.
- Kitchens are checked daily for cleanliness and prohibited items.
- Fire drills take place during the programme.
- Entry is by secure key code at the main access point.
- Further support is provided by the site manager at Monmouth School of Boys who are available 24-7. Porters are also available Monday - Friday for any additional needs.
- Bedding linen is changed once a week along with minor cleaning duties. Students are expected to keep their rooms tidy and litter free.

▪ **4.2 Practical measures for staff to take in relation to safeguarding students in accommodation**

Care must be taken by staff when they enter the students' accommodation and should be sensitive to the need for students to have a reasonable degree of privacy, particularly in their bedroom and bathroom.

- Staff are to knock on the door wait for a student to open the door ensuring that they are dressed appropriately
- Staff are to wait at the door and not enter the room, they must speak to students from the doorway. Unless a student is ill or an emergency situation has occurred.
 - The Centre Manager should be informed when a members of staff needs to enter a student's bedroom, the door must remain open and ideally if practicable to have two members of staff

• **Section 5: Child Protection**

▪ **5.1 Definition**

Child protection means protecting children from abuse. Celtic English Academy uses the definition of abuse adopted by the British Council and commonly used by the World Health Organisation:

'Child abuse' or 'maltreatment' constitutes all forms of physical and/or emotional ill-treatment, sexual abuse, neglect or negligent treatment or commercial or other exploitation, resulting in actual or potential harm to the child's health, survival, development or dignity in the context of a relationship of responsibility, trust or power.'

Abuse is also defined by inflicting harm or by failing to act to prevent harm (*Working together*, 2013). It can be inflicted by a child to another child as well as an adult to a child.

▪ **5.2 Introduction**

Celtic English Academy recognises and is committed to its child protection duties, protecting children from direct harmful behaviour or abuse. We recognise our duties in caring for the protection of all students under 18, regardless of race, nationality, sex, gender identity, religious beliefs or sexual orientation.

Through training, all staff are aware of the recognised types of abuse including neglect, physical, sexual and psychological and how the signs of these can present themselves.

All staff are trained in awareness of child protection as part of their induction. The Head of Operations has overall responsibility that this is in place, as part of their DSL responsibility.

▪ **5.3 Children and young people**

Celtic English Academy ensures it provides its young learners with the information they need in order to recognise how to access help if they need it and who are the best people to ask for help from. This includes how to identify Celtic staff, first aiders, the emergency contact number and, if present, group leader contact information.

▪ **5.4 Parents**

Celtic English Academy needs to assure parents and guardians that they are making an informed choice when placing the safety and welfare of their child temporarily in our hands.

We do this by providing a clear and accessible Safeguarding policy, available for all to download via our website. There is also a dedicated page on our website which explains that level of care that parents can expect of under 18s.

▪ **5.5 Staff**

As a part of Safeguarding training, all staff are aware of their responsibilities under Child Protection legislation and as employees of our organisation. We ensure we equip them for this with Safeguarding Basic training during their initial induction and where required ongoing with the DSP.

▪ **5.6 Visitors to Celtic English Academy**

Visitors are required to follow this procedure:

- Report to the porters office
- The Centre Manager will be called to meet the visitor
- The Centre Manager will brief the visitor on the standards to be expected with regards to safeguarding and identify the appropriate level of supervision for their visit.

▪ **5.7 Third party organisations**

Celtic English Academy recognises our responsibility to ensure the organisations we work with uphold our values and share our commitment to safeguarding children. As such we try wherever possible to work with companies that can evidence this.

▪ **5.8 Child Protection Officer**

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is the Child Protection Officer and is responsible for handling any concerns, allegations or incidents. The Designated Safeguarding Person deputises the DSL in their absence.

● **Section 6 – Dealing with disclosures**

▪ **6.1 Procedure for reporting allegations or suspicions of abuse**

Celtic English Academy has a clear procedure for reporting allegations or suspicions of abuse that is made known to all staff. This procedure is made clear in the JSP induction.

- Concern, Disclosure and Allegation Form to be found on Google Drive. To be completed by member of staff and emailed to JSP Academic Manager (by Teachers) or JSP Centre Manager (By Activity Leaders)

Once received, the DSL will add the form to a specific folder on Asana and update with any further information.

▪ **6.2 Responsibility of staff to report**

Celtic English Academy staff are advised to always raise any disclosure of abuse or allegations of abuse to the DSL/DSP without hesitation or delay.

It is not for a member of staff to pass judgement on any disclosure of abuse or allegation; their role is to pass on any and all disclosures or allegations in confidence and to take them seriously.

▪ **6.3 Guidance on handling a disclosure from a child**

Child abuse is a difficult subject that can be hard to accept and even harder to talk about. Children who are abused are often threatened by the perpetrators to keep the abuse a secret. Thus, telling an adult takes a great amount of courage.

All members of staff should be prepared to receive a disclosure. They may not always be part of the Designated Safeguarding Team.

Children may find it difficult to deal with a lot of issues, including the fear that no one will believe them. So, care must be taken to remain calm and to show support to the child throughout the disclosure phase.

If a child has started to disclose, you should allow them to continue to talk without interrupting using the following guidance.

The following guidelines will help lessen the risk of causing more trauma to the child and/or compromising a criminal investigation during the disclosure phase.

Steps	Actions	Academic Manager	Don'ts
Receive	Listen to what is being said without displaying	✓ Accept what is being said without judgement. ✓ Take it seriously.	× A common reaction to news as unpleasant and shocking as child abuse is denial. However, if you display denial to a child, or show

	shock or disbelief.	✓ Make an attempt to ensure a safe space is created for disclosure (quiet, away from immediate others) whilst also making sure the meeting is visible and known (tell another member of staff 'I am having a meeting with a student').	shock or disgust at what they are saying, the child may be afraid to continue and will shut down.
Reassure	Reassure the child, but only so far as is honest and reliable.	✓ Reassure the child that they did nothing wrong and that you take what is said seriously. ✓ Tell the child that you will need to tell some people, but only those whose job it is to protect children. ✓ Acknowledge how difficult it must have been to talk. It takes a lot for a child to come forward about abuse.	× Don't make promises that you can't be sure to keep, e.g. "everything will be all right now". × Don't promise confidentiality – never agree to keep secrets. You have a duty to report your concerns.
React 	Listen quietly, carefully and patiently.	✓ Do ask open questions like "Is there anything else that you want to tell me?" ✓ Communicate with the child in a way that is appropriate to their age, understanding and preference. This is especially important for children with disabilities and for children whose preferred language is not English. ✓ Refer directly to the named child protection officer or designated person in your organisation (as set out in the organisation's child protection policy).	× Do not assume anything – don't speculate or jump to conclusions. × Do not investigate, interrogate or decide if the child is telling the truth. Remember that an allegation of child abuse may lead to a criminal investigation, so don't do anything that may jeopardise a police investigation. Let the child explain to you in his or her own words what happened, but don't ask leading questions. × Do not ask the child to repeat what they have told you to another member of staff. Explain what you have to do next and whom you have to talk to. × Do not discuss the case with anyone outside the child protection team.
Record	Make some very brief notes at the	✓ Record the date, time, place, words used by the child and	× Do not destroy your original notes in case they are required by Court.

	time and write them up in detail as soon as possible.	how the child appeared to you – be specific. ✓ Record the actual words used; including any swear words or slang. ✓ Record statements and observable things, not your interpretations or assumptions – keep it factual.	
---	---	---	--

▪ **6.4 Further action**

- If an allegation or disclosure is made (e.g. that an adult may have harmed a child or behaved towards a child in a way that may cause harm), it is the DSP's responsibility to respond.
- The person making the allegation must fill in the Concern, Disclosure and Allegation Form. The person who heard the disclosure must fill in the Concern, Disclosure and Allegation Form.
- The priority of the DSL is to ensure that the child concerned is safe, supported, and reassured.
- The DSL must inform the Chief Executive Officer immediately (or the Chairman of the Board if the allegation is against the Chief Executive Officer) in the case of allegations and disclosures.
- The DSL must report the issue to the LSCB immediately, and no decisions (e.g. immediate action, how to deal with the adult who the allegation is against) taken without the LSCB's advice.
- All communication with the LSCB must be recorded in writing with the time/date.
- If an allegation is against a member of staff, the academy's disciplinary policy will be employed whilst ensuring that they receive support as an employee in consultation with the academy's external HR consultancy firm.
- If an adult is suspended, transferred to another role or their employment terminated (whether they resign or are dismissed) due to their unsuitability to work with under 18s (following the outcome of an external investigation), the DSL will report it to the Disclosure and Barring Service.
- The DSP is responsible for maintaining accurate records of all child protection issues (concerns, allegations, disclosures and referrals).

▪ **6.5 Review of allegations**

The DSL and DSP will meet at the end of the programme to discuss the following:

- The number of concerns/allegations made over the past year
- Staff training
- Any major safeguarding issues
- Feedback from staff
- Any areas of weakness identified
- Any new initiatives to be implemented over the next year

Should a case arise where the DSL is the subject of an allegation, the secondary DSL and Chief Executive Officer will take responsibility for the situation.

▪ **6.6 Differentiating between a concern and danger of significant harm**

It is essential that all staff know the difference between safeguarding and child protection, or abuse and that most of what ELT has to deal with is safeguarding.

- A concern (safeguarding) should be raised with the DSP in a timely manner – ideally the same day, but there is no danger of immediate harm.
- If there is a situation where an under 18 may be in immediate danger of significant harm (abuse) then the response should be immediate. The police should be called first, before alerting the DSP.

The speed of reaction required for significant harm or abuse is faster than for a concern/safeguarding, however, concerns may turn into danger of significant harm if not attended to promptly.

▪ **6.7 Record keeping**

Records

All records, information and confidential notes should be kept by the Designated Safeguarding Lead in secure electronic files. Only the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Studies and Operations Assistant Manager or another nominated senior manager and the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Designated Safeguarding Person will have access to these files, and only when necessary.

In any case where an allegation is made, or someone in Celtic English Academy has concerns, a record should be made. *Details must include, as far as practical:*

- Name of vulnerable adult, child or young person
- Age
- Home address (if known)
- Date of birth (if known)
- Name/s and Address of parent/s or person/s with parental responsibility

- Telephone numbers if available
- Is the person making the report expressing their own concerns, or passing on those of somebody else? If so, record details
- What has prompted the concerns?
- Include dates and times of any specific incidents
- Has the vulnerable adult, child or young person been spoken to?
- If so, what was said?
- Has any individual been identified in the allegation?
- If so, record details
- Who has this been passed on to, in order that appropriate action is taken? E.g. CEO, DSL, DSP, Operations Manager, Director of Studies, local social services, police etc.
- Has anyone else been consulted?
- If so, record details
- Action Taken.

6.8 Information Sharing

Sharing information regarding child protection and confidentiality

Information sharing is essential for effective safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. When sharing information about a child Celtic English Academy staff will consider the following consideration “whether sharing information is likely to support the safeguarding and protection of the child”.

If yes, it should be:

- Necessary and proportionate
- Relevant
- Adequate
- Timely
- Secure
- Recorded

Information sharing surrounding Child Protection is on a ‘need to know’ basis. A member of staff who becomes aware of any child protection information should only share this with the DSL or DSP.

Child protection information should not be shared with anyone else, including other colleagues, friends or members of the family.

Confidentiality for both the victim and the accused must be upheld.

Under the GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018, information may be shared without consent if there is a lawful basis to do so, such as where safety may be at risk such as in the case of suspicion of abuse.

A record of the decision must be kept and the reasons for it – whether it is to share information or not. If information is shared, then a record should be kept of what has been shared, with whom and for what purpose.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/721581/Information_sharing_advice_practitioners_safeguarding_services.pdf

▪ **6.8 If an adult is accused**

It is the duty of Celtic English Academy staff to disclose cases of abuse or allegations of abuse to the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Designated Safeguarding Person without delay.

It is NOT for staff to decide whether a suspicion or allegation is true. All suspicions or allegations of abuse must be taken seriously. If a member of staff has suspicions, they should contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Person in confidence. If a child starts to talk to the staff member directly, they should allow the child to continue talking following the guidelines above in Procedure for reporting allegations or suspicions of abuse.

It is important to ensure that the child is away from any possible harm. That may require changing the accused adult's work duties or accommodation if they are a member of staff, or even requiring them to leave the school while the investigation takes place. At all times the CEO will be kept informed of events and the Designated Safeguarding Lead will decide on when it is appropriate to involve the local Safeguarding Board

▪ **6.9 Procedure if the DSL or a senior manager is accused**

If an accusation is made against the DSL, the matter must be reported to a senior manager (CEO or JACD) immediately. If none of these are immediately on site, it should be reported to another member of the Designated Safeguarding Team who will follow the procedure outlined above.

If an accusation is made against a member of the Senior Management Team, the DSL will follow the same procedure but keeping at least one other member of the Senior Management Team informed.

▪ **6.10 Accusations against children**

It should be recognised that abuse can come from children as well as adults and it is possible that a student under the age of 18 may be accused of abuse against another child. In such a circumstance it is important that the accused is recognised as being vulnerable by being under 18 and must be given all required support by a member of the Designated Safeguarding Team.

Section 7 – Recognising Abuse

7.1 Types of abuse

There are four main categories of abuse and neglect:

- physical abuse
- emotional abuse
- sexual abuse
- neglect.

Each has its own specific warning indicators, which you should be alert to.

Sexual Abuse	Emotional Abuse
Definition	Definition
Sexual abuse is any sexual activity with a child. You should be aware that many children and young people who are victims of sexual abuse do not recognise themselves as such. A child may not understand what is happening and may not even understand that it is wrong. Sexual abuse can have a long-term impact on mental health.	Emotional abuse is the persistent emotional maltreatment of a child. It is also sometimes called psychological abuse and it can have severe and persistent adverse effects on a child's emotional development.
Sexual Abuse: Examples	Emotional Abuse: Examples
Sexual abuse may involve physical contact, including assault by penetration (for example, rape or oral sex) or non-penetrative acts such as masturbation, kissing, rubbing and touching outside clothing. It may include non-contact activities, such as involving children in the production of sexual images, forcing children to look at sexual images or watch sexual activities, encouraging children to behave in sexually inappropriate ways or grooming a child in preparation for abuse (including via the internet). Sexual abuse is not solely perpetrated by adult males. Women can commit acts of sexual abuse, as can other children.	Emotional abuse may involve serious bullying – including online bullying through social networks, online games or mobile phones – by a child's peers.

Sexual Offences Act 2003 states that any person in a Position of Trust engaged in sexual activity of any sort with students under the age of 18 is breaking the law (even though legal age of consent is 16).	
May present with any or all of the following:	May present with any or all of the following:
• Acting in an inappropriate way with objects or peers • Nightmares, sleeping problems • Becoming withdrawn or clingy • Personality changes, seeming insecure • Unaccountable fear/dread of particular places or people • Changes in eating habits • Physical signs such as unexplained soreness around genitals • Becoming secretive	• Delayed physical or emotional development • Shows extreme passivity or aggression • Sudden speech disorders • Overreaction to mistakes or continual self-depreciation • Neurotic behaviour (rocking, hair-twisting, self-mutilation) • Signs of radicalisation (see the academy's "Prevent policy" for further information)
Physical abuse	Neglect
Definition	Definition
Physical abuse is deliberately physically hurting a child.	Neglect is a pattern of failing to provide for a child's basic needs.
Examples	Examples
It might take a variety of different forms, including hitting, pinching, shaking, throwing, poisoning, burning or scalding, drowning or suffocating a child.	whether it be adequate food, clothing, hygiene, supervision or shelter. It is likely to result in the serious impairment of a child's health or development.
May present with any or all of the following:	May present with any or all of the following:
• Has unexplained bruises, burns, etc. • Wearing clothes to cover injuries, even in hot weather • Refusal to undress for sports or join swimming lessons • Neglect • Often hungry, may beg or steal food • Badly dressed in clothes that need washing • Poor appearance and personal hygiene; unwashed, hair not brushed • Lacks needed medical or dental care	• Often hungry; may beg or steal food • Badly dressed in clothes that need washing • Poor appearance and personal hygiene; unwashed, hair not brushed • Lacks need medical or dental care • Often tired • Might abuse alcohol or other drugs

• Often tired • Might abuse alcohol or other drugs	
---	--

Key Abuse Awareness Points:

- Concerns reported immediately to the DSL
- No confidentiality promised to students disclosing abuse
- Clear records maintained and reviewed

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

- Involves manipulation or coercion into sexual activity, often for rewards
- Signs: older friends, secrecy, gifts, absent from class and activities

Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) / County Lines

- Children used in crime, especially drug trafficking
- Signs: unexplained money, multiple phones, fear of police

Child-on-Child Abuse (Bullying & HSB)

- Includes bullying, sexual harassment/assault, and harmful sexual behaviour (HSB)
- All incidents treated seriously and reported

Honour-Based Abuse (HBA) & Forced Marriage

- Abuse linked to family or cultural honour. May involve threats, control, or forced marriage
- Signs: anxiety, restricted freedom, sudden travel plans

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

- Illegal; must be reported to the police if disclosed or known
- Signs: talk of ceremonies, travel abroad, withdrawal from activities

• Section 8 Recruitment and Training

▪ 8.1 Safer recruitment

Celtic English Academy recognises the need that one of the keys of safeguarding is to ensure that when staff are recruited thorough checks are undertaken to assess their suitability to work with children, young and vulnerable adults. It also recognises the needs for and benefit of training new staff as well as ensuring staff are retrained on a regular basis.

• Terminology related to safer recruitment

Safer recruitment	Recruitment procedures and practices which aim to prevent the appointment of people who may pose a risk to children; this is an essential part of safeguarding. The robust screening of applicants is proven to act as a deterrent for offenders seeking employment with access to children in order to harm them. Training is widely available (see below).
Regulated activity	The term most commonly used to describe roles where a suitability/criminal records check is required by law – the Accreditation UK Handbook uses the phrase ‘roles involving responsibility for or substantial access to under 18s’.

	In broad terms regulated activity is any position that has direct contact with children, or a position which manages staff who work with children. Any person that is engaged in 'regulated activity' as defined by the Safeguarding Vulnerable Group Act 2006 (England & Wales) and parallel laws in Scotland and Northern Ireland requires an enhanced disclosure check. This also applies to existing employees who move from a post that is not regulated to one that is. Regulated activities most applicable to ELT providers are: • Teaching • leisure programme supervision • general care or supervision (e.g. by a group leader, homestay host or residential staff); when they are carried out frequently (once a week or more), intensively (four times or more in a 30-day period) or overnight. Regulated activity also includes any activity of any kind carried out by an individual visiting a school frequently or intensively, for or in connection with the school, and which gives the individual opportunity to have unsupervised contact with children.
Suitability checks	Checks made to identify any known reasons a person would be considered unsuitable to work with under 18s, such as criminal records checks. In the UK, there are three primary criminal record disclosure services: • DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service), • Disclosure Scotland • AccessNI. All services provide parallel checks as they conduct searches through police records (the Police National Computer and other data sources) and maintain the barred lists for individuals assessed as unsuitable to work with children and/or vulnerable adults. The DBS cannot currently access criminal records overseas. There are four types of checks in the UK: • Basic – checks for unspent convictions only (available through Disclosure Scotland). • Standard – checks for spent and unspent convictions, cautions, reprimands and final warnings.

	• Enhanced – includes the same as the standard check plus any additional information held by local police that is reasonably considered relevant to the workforce being applied for (adult, child or 'other' workforce). ('Other' workforce means those who don't work with children or adults specifically, but potentially both, e.g. taxi drivers. In this case, the police will only release information that's relevant to the post being applied for.) • Enhanced with list checks – this is like the enhanced check but includes a check of the DBS barred lists. Generally, it can take about eight weeks to get a DBS check, but it can take considerably longer at times of higher demand.
--	--

- **Recruitment**

Stage 1: Job Descriptions, Advertising, Information to Applicants, Applications, References

Recruitment materials for roles will include reference to the organisation's commitment to safeguarding, and inform applicants that:

- Details of safeguarding responsibilities as part of the role
- Enhance DBS mandatory as part of employment
- All gaps in CVs must be explained satisfactorily
- Proof of identity and (where applicable) qualifications will be required
- Reference requests will ask specifically whether there is any reason that they should not be engaged in situations where they have responsibility for, or substantial access to, persons under 18
- Appropriate suitability checks will be required prior to confirmation of appointment

Stage 2: Interview Stage

At the interview stage questions on dealing with problems specific to children are asked.

Stage 3: Offer of employment

Upon recruitment, references are followed up and an application made for an enhanced DBS check, job offer 'subject to receipt of a satisfactory DBS check'. At this stage a barred person check and/ or an overseas police check may also be carried out.

- **Training**

Induction

Upon induction, staff members are:

- Made aware of the safeguarding policy and the DSSs
- Requested to undertake Level 1 online training or attend an in-house training session
- Required to fill in a self-declaration form, if still awaiting the result of a DBS check
- Made aware of their responsibilities in reporting missing students from class (teachers only)

- **Delayed DBS Checks**

The DBS check can sometimes take a while to be returned, under these circumstances, the following steps should be taken:

- References should be scrutinised again and followed up with a phone-call to check their reliability
- Additional references may be requested

- A barred list check should be performed to identify if the individual has been barred from working with children
- Where appropriate an overseas police check should be sought
- The individual should be risk assessed using the pro-forma in appendix 1 which should be personalised for the individual
- The individual should be allocated duties which do not involve supervision of under 18s on their own
- The individual should be allocated a workspace with other members of staff who have been DBS checked
- The individual may be restricted from certain activities/ areas of the academy in which under 18 students may be present

• Failed DBS checks

In the case that a DBS check is failed, the DBS Failure Policy should be followed:

Step 1: The nature of the offence should be considered. If it relates to an offence involving children or calls into question the suitability of the individual to work with children, young or vulnerable adults then employment should not be continued, or the job offer rescinded.

Step 2: If the offence is not one which involves children or calls into question the individual's suitability to work with children, young adults and vulnerable adults, the following job-related factors should be taken into account:

- Does the post involve direct contact with students or the public?
- What level of supervision will the post-holder receive?
- What level of trust is involved? Will the nature of the job present any opportunities for the post-holder to re-offend in the place of work?
- Does the post involve any contact with under 18s or other vulnerable groups?

The assessment is also likely to include consideration of the following factors relating to the individual's offence(s):

- The seriousness of the offence(s) and relevance to the safety of other employees, students, research subjects, the public etc.
- The length of time since the offence(s) occurred.
- Relevant information offered by the applicant about the circumstances that led to the offence(s)
- The degree of remorse, or otherwise, expressed by the applicant, and their motivation to change.
- Whether the offence has since been decriminalised.

The full checklist can be found in appendix 2.

Step 3: Having considered carefully and thoroughly all these matters and obtained any further information from relevant bodies such as the Local Safeguarding Children Board or probation service, a decision can then be taken as to whether the individual should be appointed.

If the decision is to continue employment, then a risk assessment must be undertaken.

If the decision is not to continue employment, a letter will be sent to the individual confirming the reasons for this decision.

The above process will also be followed in the event of an unspent criminal conviction coming to light after the formal offer of employment has been made or during employment. In such cases, the company would reserve the right to withdraw the offer of appointment where appropriate or terminate employment.

Record Keeping

There is a central database of enhanced DBS checks and their issue dates for all staff, including information on the level of certification and date of training completed and expiry.

8.2 Training

- The DSL is responsible for training of staff. The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for ensuring that the training needs of the DSL and secondary DSL are met.
- The DSL is responsible for ensuring that safeguarding training carried out at the start of the programme (including returning members of staff) and refresher training carried out during the programme should the need arise.
- External training is arranged by the Centre Manager.

Level	Who
Basic	All staff who work on the Junior Summer Programme including, but not limited to, Activity leaders and Teachers.
Advanced	Academic Manager and Activity Coordinator
Specialist	Centre Manager, Head of Operations, Junior Academic Centre Director (secondary)

Maintaining Awareness

A 'Safeguarding Awareness' poster is displayed in each of the buildings to communicate to all staff and students who the DSP and who the primary and secondary DSL are what to do if faced with a concern, allegation or disclosure.

Training of Group leaders

Group leaders are briefed prior to the commencement of the course on the academy's safeguarding policy and given the contact details of the DSP and our code of conduct.

• Section 9 - Online safety for students

• 9.1 E-Safety Advice

Using the internet and other technology is a useful way for students to practise their English. However, there are also some dangers involved in using the internet. We provide these rules for our students to make sure that they stay safe online:

- Do not disclose any personal information
- Remember that once information or photographs are posted online, they can exist forever
- Although you may post something for your friends to see, the whole world may end up seeing it
- If you receive inappropriate pictures or messages by text or email that make you uncomfortable, this is cyberbullying, NOT a joke
- If someone is sending you inappropriate texts, messages, emails, or photos, tell a member of staff
- Remember that people you meet online may not be who they say they are
- Never access any illegal or inappropriate sites
- Try not to spend too much time on the internet as this can be bad for your health
- You are not advised to view or share extreme political material.

• Section 10 – Prevent

▪ 10.1 Introduction to Prevent

Prevent is a government strategy to reduce the likelihood of people becoming involved in violent extremism and/or in supporting terrorism. Prevent applies to all forms of extremism; racism, far-right ideology, religious, homophobia and it involves everyone (staff, students, homestays).

The Prevent duty is an important tool in safeguarding learners. Prevent in Wales is coordinated by the Wales Extremism and Counter Terrorism Unit (WECTU).

Celtic English Academy understands its responsibilities under the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 to prevent people of all ages being radicalised or drawn into terrorism and seeks to meet its obligations in the ways shown below.

We have always recognised our duties in promoting a multicultural environment where respect for and tolerance of others' beliefs is required.

▪ **10.2 Sources**

- Prevent Duty Guidance for Further Education Institutions in England and Wales – March 2015
- Revised Prevent Duty Guidance for England and Wales – 2023
- Revised Prevent Duty Guidance for England and Wales Information about Prevent e-learning training package published. - March 2016
- *Industry specific/best practice guidance*
- The Prevent Strategy – Guidance for English UK member centres – November 2015

▪ **10.3 Understanding terminology**

We use the following definitions of terminology related to Prevent duty and are committed to transmitting these definitions to staff, students, homestays, group-leaders and any other adults involved in the school:

Radicalisation	An act or process of making a person more radical or favouring extreme or fundamental changes in political, economic or social conditions, institutions or habits of mind.
Extremism	Holding extreme political or religious views which may deny rights to any group or individual. Can be expressed in vocal or active opposition to core British values (see below). Extremism can refer to a range of views e.g. racism, homophobia, right-wing ideology, any religious extremism.
Core British values	Democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and respectful tolerance of different faiths or beliefs.

▪ **10.4 Understanding the risk of extremism**

We understand that the following situations can cause extremism to arise and are committed to transmitting knowledge of these risks to all staff involved in the school:

- Staff, students and other adults (group leaders etc.) may arrive at the school already holding extremist views.
- Whilst staff, students and other adults are attending the school they may be influenced by a range of factors: global events, peer pressure, media, family views, extremist materials (hardcopy or online), inspirational speakers, friends or relatives being harmed, social networks, etc

People who are vulnerable are more likely to be influenced. Vulnerability could stem from a range of causes, including loss of identity or sense of belonging, isolation, exclusion, mental health problems, sense of injustice, personal crisis, victim of hate crime or discrimination, and bereavement.

▪ **10.5 Counteracting risks**

In order to minimise the risk of extremism we are committed to the following:

- Promoting a safe and supporting international environment via clear expectations of accepted behaviours and those that will not be tolerated (including radicalisation and extremism).
- Promoting core British values through notices around the school, discussions on British culture and traditions on arrival and via curriculum. We do this to educate how things are in the UK, as we appreciate that views may be different in different countries.
- Countering acceptance of extremism without question, especially of online material.
- Challenging radical or extremist views in any context, formal or informal, via stated procedures. This challenging should take place immediately and reference should be made to the international environment of the school, stating that tolerance is expected. Any serious concerns should be reported.
- Being ready to react when particular world or local events cause upset and there is a greater likelihood of conflicting feelings being expressed.
- Having clear rules on accessing extremist/terrorist websites and on using social media to exchange extremist/terrorist views.
- Ensuring that staff providers are encouraged to get to know students, their home circumstances and friendship groups, therefore making it easier to spot changes in behaviour.
- Ensuring that staff providers are observant and vigilant in noticing any signs of radical or extremist behaviour.
- Working together with all staff to support any students identified as vulnerable.

▪ **10.6 Training and awareness**

Celtic English Academy understands the importance of training and is committed to making all staff, students, group leaders and sub-contractors aware of their Prevent duty. This is done by:

- Ensuring that all members of staff complete online Prevent training

▪ **10.9 How to identify and support vulnerable students**

Signs that may cause concern

We recognise the following as signs that may cause concern:

- Students talking about exposure to extremist materials or views
- Changes in behaviour, e.g. becoming isolated
- Fall in standard of work, poor attendance, disengagement
- Changes in attitude, e.g. intolerant of differences/having a closed mind
- Asking questions about certain topics (e.g. connected to extremism)
- Offering opinions that appear to have come from extremist ideologies
- Attempts to impose own views/beliefs on others
- Use of extremist vocabulary to exclude others or incite violence
- Accessing extremist materials online or via social network sites
- Overt new religious practices
- Drawings or posters (e.g. in accommodation) showing extremist ideology/views/symbols

How and when to react to concerns

Celtic English Academy is committed to ensuring that all adults involved in the school know who to contact (and how to contact them) in the event of a concern. All adults should be encouraged to report any concern or incident, however small, and reassured that all concerns will be dealt with sensitively and carefully.

All concerns will be dealt with promptly and confidentially by one of the five named staff members in this policy. The contact at the local authority will be informed and records kept of all correspondence.

• **Appendix 1: Risk Assessment**

Risk Assessment for Staff who are awaiting DBS clearance

Identifying the hazards- assessing the risk	Risk rating	Control measures – reducing the risk	Outcome
Staff have been working abroad which causes difficulties in the DBS checking process			
Offences abroad have not been taken into consideration	Medium	Request a Police Check from the country in which the candidate/ employee has been working	Low
The candidate/ employee does not have the requisite documents to carry out a check	Medium	Carry out a Barred List (List 99) check	Low
Teaching – Classrooms			
Teacher has exclusive access to under 18 students	Medium	Deploy teacher against adult classes	Low
	Medium	If it is not possible to deploy teachers against adult classes, ensure that there is another member of staff located in close proximity to the classroom who has passed the vetting procedure.	Low
Outside Class times			
The member of staff may try to access student accommodation	Medium	Brief staff members involved that they are not to access student rooms. Ensure the staff member does not have access to any codes to enter any flats.	Low

The member of staff may have access to individual students during social activities.	Medium	Ensure students participate in groups during social activities.	Low
The member of staff may have access to students who are unwell and confined to their bedrooms during activities or need medical attention.	Medium	Ensure members of staff who have fully passed vetting procedures are part of the activity so that the member of staff who is waiting for clearance is not working on his/ her own. Do not allocate these duties to the staff member.	Low
Breaktimes			
The staff member could have individual access to under 18 students during breaktimes.	Medium	Ensure vetted members of staff are available during breaktimes and any unvetted members of staff are not left unsupervised during breaktimes.	Low
Additional Risks to Assess			

• **Appendix 2: Full DBS Failure Checklist**

DBS Failure: Process check list

No	Vulnerability/Risk Area	Answer from candidate	Evidence to be relied upon to support this decision	Initial
1	Leadership Are the HR Officer/Line managers/DSL aware of DBS Outstanding and Failure Procedure and their responsibilities?			
2	References Have the appropriate references been obtained and scrutinised?			
2a	References Are the references acceptable? (Any reference to the employee not suitable for working with Under 18's?)			
3	Self-Declaration Was the employee open and honest concerning any convictions? Spent or unspent.			
4	DBS/List 99 Result Does the conviction relate to children? <u>Yes</u> – Terminate employment/Withdraw offer of employment <u>No</u> – Continue with risk assessment			
5	Contact Does the post involve direct contact with students or the public?			
6	Supervision			

	What level of supervision will the post-holder receive?			
7	Trust What level of trust is involved? Will the nature of the job present any opportunities for the post-holder to re-offend in the place of work?			
8	Financial/Value Does the post involve any direct responsibility for finance or items of value?			
9	Under 18s Does the post involve any contact with under 18s or other vulnerable groups?			
10	Relevance/seriousness The seriousness of the offence(s) and relevance to the safety of other employees, students, research subjects, the public etc.;			
11	Time The length of time since the offence(s) occurred;			
12	Honesty Relevant information offered by the applicant about the circumstances that led to the offence(s) being committed, for example, the influence of domestic or financial difficulties;			
13	Remorse The degree of remorse, or otherwise, expressed by the applicant, and their motivation to change;			

14	One-off/trend Whether the offence was a one-off or part of a history of offending;			
15	Circumstance Whether the applicant's circumstances have changed since the offence(s) was committed, making reoffending less likely;			
16	Adjustments Can the role be adjusted? (Increased supervision/only work in set building/classroom)			
17	Law change Whether the offence has since been decriminalised.			
18	Policy Are the above points covered in DBS Outstanding and Failure policy?			

Done by (DSL):

Review date

Date: