

Safeguarding Statement for Families and Children

1. What Is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding is the action we take to protect children (under 18 years) and adults at risk from harm, while supporting their wellbeing. At Clever Clogs Academy, safeguarding is our top priority. We believe that children learn best when they feel safe, secure and supported.

2. Our Commitment to You

We comply with the statutory guidance *Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE)*. To ensure the safety of your child, we have the following measures in place:

- Strict Vetting:** All our tutors and staff undergo rigorous pre-employment checks and hold an Enhanced DBS check dated within the last 12 months (or on the Update Service) and if they have lived abroad, appropriate overseas police checks. We do not employ anyone who has not passed these checks.
- Training:** Our team receives regular safeguarding and Prevent training to help them recognise signs of abuse or neglect and handle concerns professionally.
- Online Safety:** We maintain strict professional boundaries during online tuition. We use secure platforms and ensure our staff understand the risks associated with online learning.
- Reporting:** We have a clear whistleblowing culture. Our staff have confidential routes to report any concerns they have about a child's welfare or the conduct of a colleague.

3. Who Should I Contact?

We have a specific person responsible for championing safety within our Academy.

- Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):** Mathew McArthur
- Contact:** contact@cleverclogsacademy.com
- LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer):** 01296 382 070 | secure-LADO@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

4. Sharing Information

If we have a genuine concern for the safety or welfare of a child, we have a legal duty to seek advice. This may involve contacting official services such as Local Authority Children's Social Care or the Police.

While we respect client confidentiality, we cannot promise to keep secrets if we believe a child or their family is at risk of harm. We will always act in the best interests of the child.

Signed: _____ Date: October 2025
Name: Mathew McArthur