

# Wargrave House The Autism Specialists

# Working Together to Safeguard Children & Vulnerable Adults

'Wargrave House is an exceptional school'

**OFSTED 2014** 

"The quality and consistency of care that residential pupils receive is outstanding"

OFSTED Residential Inspection 2017

'Students love coming to school'

**OFSTED 2014** 

"Wargrave House is a service that enables some very vulnerable young people to develop a sense of belonging, ownership and community that enhances their wellbeing and selfesteem which results in very positive outcomes for students and their families."

NAS Accreditation 2018

A parent/carers' guide to the Wargrave House Safeguarding Policies



Wargrave House Limited is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all students. This includes:

- Protecting young people from maltreatment;
- Preventing impairment of young people's health or development;
- Ensuring that students grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and
- Taking action to enable all young people to have the best outcomes.

All staff share our aim to safeguard and promote student's welfare, safety, health and guidance by fostering an honest, open, caring and supportive climate.

### **PREVENTION**

- Providing a safe environment in which students can learn and develop
- Equipping students with the skills needed to keep themselves safe
- Ensuring a culture of honesty and high professional standards

### **PROTECTION**

- Ensuring the suitability of staff and volunteers to work with children through robust safe recruitment procedures
- Implementing procedures for identifying and reporting cases or suspected cases of abuse

### **SUPPORT**

- Monitoring and review of strategies within early help services
- Supporting students who have been abused in accordance with his/her Child Protection Plan
- Recognising the stressful and traumatic nature of child protection work for staff concerned with the individual or case

# **Roles and Responsibilities**



**Stuart Jamieson** – Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

The DSL takes lead responsibility for safeguarding and child/ vulnerable adult protection and ensures that the Wargrave House child protection and safeguarding policy is fully implemented.

### **Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads**







Natalie Molyneux



Ian Dickson



Sarah Powell

The DDSLs are responsible for the day-to-day operational implementation of safeguarding practice.

The DSL and the DDSLs are most likely to have the complete picture and be the most appropriate people to advise on any response to safeguarding concerns.

All staff, volunteers, governors and trustees working on behalf of Wargrave House Limited have a duty to promote the welfare and safety of children. They share the promotion of a culture of vigilance and are committed to the best possible outcomes for our student's safety and wellbeing.

"Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility, everyone who comes into contact with children, their families has a role to play"

Keeping Children Safe in Education (2018) P.5

The governing body has a duty to ensure that Wargrave House meets its statutory safeguarding responsibilities and that the students attending the school and college are safe. Safeguarding is reviewed through the Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare committee which is informed by the scrutiny undertaken by the designated Governor for safeguarding.

Parents and carers are a <u>fundamental partner</u> in the safeguarding strategy. Whilst maintaining general vigilance around the safety and wellbeing of your son/daughter, if you have any concerns, you should contact us immediately. You can speak with any member of school staff or make direct contact any member of the safeguarding team. There are safeguarding bulletins within the Wargrave House newsletter which detail additional areas of support and resources to support in the home.

This summary is for initial guidance only, it is the policy itself which counts, and this will be referred to for all formal action.

Copies of the full 'Child Protection & Safeguarding Children Policy', 'Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Policy' and the 'Prevent Duty' are available upon request or can be accessed on the website:

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