

The RISE Trust will:

- ◆ Create a safe environment
- ◆ Listen carefully and take it seriously
- ◆ Stay calm
- ◆ Be honest
- ◆ Reassure the person - explaining what you will do next
- ◆ Record on the appropriate form exactly what the child/ young person has said as soon as possible - being clear about what they says and what we say
- ◆ Maintain confidentiality
- ◆ In an emergency protect the individual
- ◆ Inform the DSL or Deputy DSL
- ◆ Be committed to working with parents positively, openly and honestly - in most situations it may be appropriate to discuss initial concerns

General information

There are four categories of child abuse:

1. **NEGLECT:** The persistent failure to meet the child's physical and/or psychological needs
2. **PHYSICAL ABUSE:** Non-accidental injury
3. **SEXUAL ABUSE:** Any sexual activity with a child, or inducing a child to act in sexually inappropriate ways
4. **EMOTIONAL ABUSE:** Persistent emotional ill treatment of a child and can be involved in other types of abuse

PREVENT: All adults at The RISE must have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and should report any concerns to the DSL.

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The RISE safeguarding & child protection information



At The RISE Trust we follow the child protection procedures set out by the Wiltshire Safeguarding Vulnerable People Partnership and will have regard to statutory guidance issued by the DfE Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage, 2021 and Keeping Children Safe in Education, 2024

What is Child Protection?

Child Protection is the process of protecting children and young people who have been identified as suffering, or likely to suffer harm as a result of abuse.

There are four types of abuse: Physical, Sexual, Emotional and Neglect (see reverse of this leaflet).

Safeguarding is the action that people take to keep all children and young people safe, for example:

- Protect children and young people from harm
- Ensure that they are safe and well looked after
- Take action so that all children and young people are able to grow up in a safe environment.

ALL CHILDREN/ YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO BE PROTECTED FROM HARM

At The RISE Trust we...

The RISE Trust aims to help protect the children and young people in its care by working consistently and appropriately with all agencies to reduce risk and promote the welfare of children. All professionals work within the same safeguarding procedures. We intend to create in our Children's Centres, pre-schools and groups/ courses an environment in which children and young people are safe from abuse, and in which any suspicion of abuse is promptly and appropriately responded to. All adults at The RISE, including volunteers, have regular training to ensure that they are aware of the signs of abuse and know what to do about reporting any concerns to

THE DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD (DSL):

Mrs Lynn Evans (CEO)

Or in her absence:

Mrs Danielle Blake (Young People's Service Lead)

Mrs Debbie White (Preschool manager)

The RISE Trust has a legal duty to talk to other agencies such as Children's Social Care and Police if they think a child or young person may be at risk of harm.

THE WELFARE OF YOUR CHILD IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE

The RISE Trust has a Child Protection Policy. This document will set out the process for dealing with child protection concerns. If you would like to read this policy you will find it on the Trust's website, alternatively you can ask in a centre for a copy. This policy also sets out the process for reporting allegations about members of staff, including volunteers.

What do you need to know?

If anyone in The RISE Trust is worried about the welfare of your child this will be discussed with you unless they think that this conversation could put your child at a greater risk of harm.

The RISE Trust must also share all relevant information with Children's Social Care if they are concerned about your child. The social worker may consult with other agencies before deciding what should happen next. They will also speak to you about the concern and keep you informed about what is happening.

If there is an allegation about an adult who works or volunteers at The RISE we will hold discussions with the Police, Children's Social Care and the Local Authority. If your child is involved, you will be kept informed of any discussions and decisions as appropriate.

You will find additional information at:

- The Wiltshire Safeguarding Vulnerable People Partnership www.wiltshirescb.org.uk
- The Department for Education website: Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage
- HM Government website: Working Together to Safeguard Children
- Free 24-hour telephone helpline: 0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk