

# Child Safeguarding Statement



Guildhall School of Music & Drama

Our organisation has completed a CHSCP Self-Assessment.



## Nature / Type of Organisation and Services Provided:

We are a Higher Education institution and deliver world-leading professional training in performing and production arts in partnership with leading artists, companies and ensembles. Guildhall Young Artists offers advanced music & drama training on Saturdays for ages 4–18.

## Our commitment to safeguarding children:

Guildhall School of Music & Drama is committed to a robust safeguarding culture where the safety and wellbeing of our students is a top priority.

We take all safeguarding concerns seriously and expect those who work with us (establishment staff / freelancers / visiting professionals / contractors et al) to familiarise themselves with our Safeguarding Policy standards. This policy clearly sets out our safeguarding ethos, culture and professional conduct expectations at Guildhall School. It also highlights the various reporting pathways, quality assurance processes and safeguarding support available to all.

We believe that safeguarding is part of building an ever-growing network of partnership work with students, staff, parents and external agencies. Guildhall School understands that preventative work is crucial in identifying potential concerns early and therefore have frequent collaborative safeguarding campaigns along with training events to ensure safeguarding awareness and vigilance remain at the forefront of all that we do. We highly value feedback and therefore welcome this as part of our safeguarding culture at Guildhall School.

### Risk that children might face (1)

Saturday attendees may face the risk of sharing some of our premises with other external agencies.

### How are we mitigating this risk? (1)

We mitigate against this risk by using front desk sign-in sheets with barrier access, security guards and have identifying lanyards and CCTV available. We get advance notifications from other agencies who may use the spaces so that we can ensure access to Under 18s are restricted. Front desk staff and the facilities team are briefed on such events.

### Risk that children might face (2)

Entrance and Exit Points at some of our venues could be accessed by students and/or members of the public.

### How are we mitigating this risk? (2)

At most venues there are only one point of entry / exit which significantly reduces the risk of a member of the public gaining access. However, at our Silk Street venue we are currently looking at installing security barriers (such as those found at Milton Court) and lock access doors which would normally be open during the week as an HE institution.

### Risk that children might face (3)

Unprofessional or unsafe conduct by staff in 1:1 lessons on and off campus.

### How are we mitigating this risk? (3)

A review took place in 2023/2024 of all our 1:1 teaching practices including that which may take place off campus. Guidance for this is included in our Safeguarding Policy 2024/2025 with clear monitoring and quality assurance processes in place. We have a Report & Support portal for all to report incidents / concerns with their details or anonymously.

### Risk that children might face (4)

### How are we mitigating this risk? (4)

### Risk that children might face (5)

### How are we mitigating this risk? (5)

The following legislation, policies, procedures and guidance also support and inform our intention to safeguard children while they are accessing our service(s). These documents are available upon request.

- Safeguarding Policy
- Staff & Student Relationship Policy
- Safeguarding Declarations
- Safeguarding Statement
- Guildhall School Code of Conduct and Professionalism
- Safer Recruitment guidance
- Online Teaching safeguarding guidance
- Safeguarding Induction Document
- KCSIE 2024
- WTSC 2023
- Prevent guidance
- Professional Visitors guidance to staff and visitors
- Safeguarding checklist for DSLs / Heads of GYA centres
- Safeguarding checklist for venues (for QA visits)
- Safeguarding Checklist for Head of Safeguarding

Procedures are available to the public here:

<https://www.gsmd.ac.uk/about-guildhall/corporate-financial-documents/policies>

The final draft of this safeguarding statement has been agreed for submission by the individual with overall responsibility for the organisation. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers. *Please confirm*

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