

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN EDUCATION

At TMBSS we believe that it is always unacceptable for a child or young person to experience abuse of any kind and recognise that safeguarding the welfare of all children and young people is everyone's responsibility. We follow Shropshire Safeguarding Community Partnership (SSCP) procedures and acknowledge that the welfare of the child is paramount. At TMBSS it is our duty to respond promptly and appropriately to all concerns, incidents or allegations of abuse or neglect of a child. We work in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies.

SAFEGUARDING

This is an area in which all staff receive regular training and updates. There may be occasions where we will refer to additional agencies to support your child but we will always aim to have open and transparent conversations with you at all times. Everybody has a responsibility to keep all children under the age of 18 safe from harm.

Harm is identified in four ways:

PHYSICAL When a child is deliberately physically hurt or injured.

SEXUAL When a child is influenced or forced to take part in a sexual activity. This can be a physical activity or non-physical i.e. being forced to look at inappropriate images.

EMOTIONAL When a child is made to feel frightened, worthless or unloved. This is also, when children have been witness to stressful situations.

NEGLECT When a child is not being cared for. Signs are poor hygiene, poor diet, not attending school, and being left alone for long periods of time.

There are also other areas of safeguarding that all staff have received training in—some are listed below:-

- Exploitation
- Preventing Extremism
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Domestic Abuse
- Mental Health support



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Information for Parents/Carers

What TMBSS will Do

A child should be able to attend TMBSS and feel safe so that they can achieve to the best of their ability:

- Anyone who works or volunteers within TMBSS will have an enhanced DBS check to ensure that they are safe to work with children. They will then have training on Child Protection and other areas of safeguarding.
- TMBSS has a **Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Pearson**, who will ensure that any concerns are dealt with in an appropriate way and passed onto relevant agencies. There are also several deputy designated safeguarding leads available in the absence of Mr Pearson.
- We will always listen to you and work closely with you if we have any concerns regarding your child. TMBSS has a Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, which is available on the website. TMBSS will aim to build positive relationships with parents and carers and staff are always available to discuss any concerns.
- We will support your child to keep safe. This will involve lessons on healthy eating, peer on peer pressure, e-safety, healthy relationships and drug and alcohol awareness. As part of these lessons, your child will be told what to do if they have any worries or concerns for their safety. There is also staff available if your child would prefer to have a private conversation.
- We operate in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024

What Parents/Carers will do

Parents/carers are the most important people to keep their children safe. You should always:

- Feel confident to raise concerns about your child.
- Talk to TMBSS if you need help or support.
- Be confident that TMBSS will only ever act in your child's best interests.
- Read the TMBSS policies available on the website.
- Let TMBSS know if there are any changes in your circumstances, such as a house move, a new contact number, a change of name, medical changes or a change of parental responsibility.
- Provide at least two emergency contact details—three would be preferable.
- Let TMBSS know if your child is going to be absent for any reason.

If you, as a parent/carer, have any concerns regarding child protection or safeguarding of your child or any other child you can ring:

COMPASS on 0345 6789021

Safeguarding Issues

Attendance—Your child's attendance is monitored daily and significant absences are always followed up by the Attendance Officer. TMBSS has an Attendance Policy that is on the TMBSS website.

Behaviour—TMBSS have clear expectations for the whole Service community that must be followed in order to keep everyone safe. We have a Behaviour Policy that is available on the website.

Child on Child Abuse—We take all cases of bullying very seriously and will work with all involved to try to resolve any problems.

Health and Safety—Everyone at TMBSS has a responsibility to keep adults and children in a safe environment. We have a clear Health and Safety Policy which is available on the website. TMBSS has trained first aiders to deal with any accidents whilst with the Service.

E-safety—TMBSS recognises that technology plays an important role in the education of children. However, we are also committed to safeguarding children in the virtual world. To support parents/carers, we have an E-safety Policy for you to read and we also ask that you sign the Acceptable Use Agreement in order to keep your child safe in TMBSS and at home.

Complaints—If you have any complaints, please feel confident to speak to us. Both the Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead and Head of Service will always be happy to speak to you to try to resolve any concerns or issues. There is a complaints procedure on the website.