

Misscreate Children's Art Class Safeguarding Policy

1. Introduction

At misscreate, we are committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for all children participating in our art classes. This safeguarding policy outlines our commitment to safeguarding children, promoting their welfare, and protecting them from harm.

2. Responsibilities

2.1. Misscreate Staff: All staff members at misscreate are responsible for ensuring the safety and well-being of children in our care. This includes identifying and reporting any concerns regarding a child's welfare.

2.2. **Designated Safeguarding Lead** Misscreate - Nikki is the designated safeguarding lead who will be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this policy, updating training, and liaising with relevant authorities when necessary.

3. Code of Conduct

3.1. Appropriate Behavior: Staff members must maintain professional conduct at all times when interacting with children, ensuring respect, kindness, and appropriate boundaries.

3.2. Physical Contact

Physical contact with children should be limited to what is necessary for their well-being and should always be carried out in a safe and appropriate manner.

4. Recruitment and Training

4.1. Screening: All staff and volunteers working with children will undergo thorough background checks and reference checks before being allowed to interact with children.

4.2. Training

Staff members will receive safeguarding training to recognize signs of abuse, understand reporting procedures, and maintain confidentiality.

5. Reporting and Response

5.1. Reporting Concerns: Any staff member who suspects or receives disclosure of abuse or harm to a child must report it to the designated safeguarding lead or the appropriate authorities as required by law.

5.2. Confidentiality

All reports and concerns will be treated with the utmost confidentiality, shared only with those who need to know for the protection of the child.

6. Communication

6.1. Parents and Guardians: misscreate will maintain open and transparent communication with parents and guardians, sharing information regarding the child's participation, progress, and any concerns related to their well-being.

7. Complaints Procedure

7.1. Complaints: Misscreate will have a formal complaints procedure in place for parents and guardians to raise concerns about any aspect of our art classes.

8. Review and Update

8.1. Policy Review: This safeguarding policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains up-to-date and effective in safeguarding children.

9. Conclusion

Misscreate is committed to providing a safe and enriching experience for children through our art classes. We take safeguarding seriously, and this policy reflects our dedication to the well-being of the children in our care.