

Safeguarding at Leigh UTC Dartford

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What is Safeguarding? At Leigh UTC Dartford, all the adults around you think that your health, safety and welfare are really important. We respect each other and know that it is important to be happy and safe in school.

What does Safeguarding look like at Leigh UTC Dartford?

- We know what our roles and responsibilities are to keep you safe.
- We take all allegations, suspicions and concerns seriously and report them properly.
- We talk to other people about any concerns to develop the best way to help you.
- We complete risk assessments to ensure that all potential dangers in activities have been identified.
- We have themed assemblies, lessons and awareness weeks where we learn about Safeguarding such as e-safety and anti-bullying.
- We treat everyone fairly with dignity and respect.

What do children need to understand about Safeguarding?

- All adults will listen to what you have to say with an open mind.
- Adults will not ask leading questions so that you have to reveal more details.
- If they are worried about your safety, they might invite another professional to talk to you.
- Adults never stop us from freely talking or sharing about significant events
- Adults will make accurate and specific notes of discussions to make sure that all concerns are recorded.
- Adults will not promise to keep secrets.
- They will explain that they have a responsibility to report what has been said to someone else if they are worried about your safety.
- All adults will immediately tell the Safeguarding team if they are worried about your safety.

What should children do?

- Speak to an adult at school if you are worried about something, it could be a teacher, your form tutor, your SSM or one of the Safeguarding team.
- If you wish to do so without anybody finding out, you can email stop@@utcdartford.latrust.org.uk
- Be aware that you are not alone and that people will always help you
- Be aware that there are lots of support services available

Where else can I find out information?

- If you are in immediate danger - call the police
- Advice around Online Safety: www.thinkuknow.co.uk
- Advice around suicidal thoughts: <https://www.mind.org.uk/need-urgent-help/using-this-tool>
- Advice around Mental Wellbeing: <https://kooth.com>
- Leigh UTC Dartford- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy