



Safeguarding Policy during Online interactive classes with Yourstage Drama

Introduction

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility; It is clear that whether pupils are in physical classes or at home, their safety should remain a priority. There is no additional standard or statutory guidance specifically relating to online lessons or tutoring, however this document will make clear what Yourstage's expectations are in relation to safeguarding during a period of online learning.

- There is still the potential for safeguarding issues to arise during remote teaching and learning, whether due to poor technical understanding, an intention to abuse, weak online security or for any other reason.
- All live classes will take place by receiving a Zoom link from a Yourstage staff member or from your Class 4 Kids account.
- Staff can only teach online if they have a valid DBS - Enhanced Certificate.
- Staff have been given training in the use of new software and online platforms.
- Staff must be vigilant to potential safeguarding issues in remote teaching and learning and appropriate responses; these include inappropriate comments or images, peer-on-peer abuse, and all other safeguarding concerns.
- It is vital that staff report safeguarding issues encountered in remote teaching and learning as they would do during physical classes.
- Staff, pupils and parents will be informed of all changes and expectations in online classes via email and through your Class 4 Kids account.
- Yourstage Drama has high standards and expectations from the behavior of pupils and staff.
- Behavioural expectations need to be made clear by staff at the beginning of each remote class. Staff must actively reinforce appropriate boundaries.
- Staff must be mindful of the language they use during audio and/or video teaching and learning sessions.
- Both staff and pupils will treat each other with respect during remote teaching and learning.
- If staff are remote teaching using video, this must take place in a suitable venue i.e. a living room, dining room or study/home office so that pupils' parents can have access and check-in with their child.
- Remote teaching and learning (both audio and video) must never take place in a bathroom/washroom/toilet.
- All staff and pupils must be suitably dressed during online classes.
- Staff must check the suitability of any online source that they recommend (e.g. have they watched full videos, or just the start?/Is the resource age-appropriate?).



- Pupils/parents are NOT permitted to record anything Yourstage related.
- Pupils/parents are not permitted to share ANY school-related recordings (video or audio) whether made personally or uploaded by teaching staff.
- Staff recording pupils for purposes other than normal lessons eg: drama performances, music concerts etc. should have written permission from the parent.

Personal Data and Data Protection

- Yourstage asserts that it is in its legitimate interests to process personal data in order to deliver remote teaching and learning.
- Staff need to be mindful of the need to be sensitive about sharing personal data during remote teaching and learning.

Online Peer-on-Peer Abuse/Bullying

- Pupils should contact a member of the Yourstage team to report any concerns, including online bullying.
- Staff should remain vigilant when using online platforms for online classes. Staff must report any incidents of peer-on-peer abuse or bullying to the Principal.
- All staff are aware any online bullying is potentially a safeguarding issue.