



MAIDSTONE DANCE STUDIOS LTD

Dealing with disclosures and concerns about a child

General enquiries to:

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Concerns regarding a child's welfare can be reported by:

- Parents
- Teachers
- Friends
- The child or young person

All allegations of neglect or abuse will be taken seriously. If a concern is reported directly by the child or young person we will not seek to disagree, ask probing or leading questions, or do anything else which may discourage them.

We will make it clear that reported concerns cannot be kept confidential but will need to be shared with the Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSO) and/or Deputy DSO or external organisations. Parents or guardians will also be involved if appropriate.

We recognise that early action is vital. Any concerns will be reported immediately.

If the child or young person is in immediate danger of harm, we will contact the Police on 999.

In all other cases, we will report concerns to the Kent Safeguarding Children's Board

- during the day and in office hours
03000 41 11 11 (text relay 18001 03000 41 11 11) or email social.services@kent.gov.uk.
- outside of normal office hours
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