
SAFEGUARDING POLICY

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Eurospeak Safeguarding Policy Statement

Eurospeak is committed to providing a secure and friendly environment where all members of the community, whatever their background or character, are protected from harm and respected by others. All staff and any other adults involved with Eurospeak accept and recognise their responsibilities:

- to safeguard the welfare of children who join the School and any of its programmes;
- to continually develop awareness of any issues which might harm these children;
- not to make staff or any other adults involved with the School unnecessarily vulnerable to suspicion of any form of abuse.

We will endeavour to safeguard children as follows:

- by adopting child protection guidelines and accepted procedures
- by providing children with expected codes of behaviour and ensuring they understand what those are, especially bullying

- by sharing information about child protection and good practice
- by sharing information about any concerns

A child in the context of this policy refers to anyone under the age of 18 who has joined or is visiting Eurospeak. This policy applies to all children regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, nationality, disability, sexual orientation, race, religion or belief, or gender reassignment.

This policy has been formulated in accordance with the provisions of the Children Act 1989, the Human Rights Act 1998, and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (ratified by the United Kingdom Government in 1991). This policy is in addition to all relevant local authority safeguarding regulations and must be read in addition to *Southampton LSCB Child Protection Procedures* available at <http://southamptonlscb.co.uk/>

A copy of this policy is available at <https://eurospeak.org.uk/about-eurospeak/policies/>. It can also be viewed at the school reception and is sent to homestay providers, group leaders and parents of under-

18s. A version containing the relevant information is available in the handbook for under-18 students.

Associated Policies/Documents

A summary of specific information for students, teachers, staff, homestay providers and group leaders can be found in the relevant handbooks. These are available to view at reception.

- Teacher's Handbook
- Student's Handbook
- Staff Handbook
- Group Leader Handbook
- Homestay Provider Handbook

There are associated policies related to safeguarding. These are available to view online or at reception.

- Behaviour Policy
- Preventing Extremism and Radicalisation Policy

Terminology

Safeguarding – Promoting the welfare of children and protecting them from harm.

Child Protection – Part of safeguarding, which focuses on protecting children suffering or likely to suffer significant harm and how to respond to any concerns.

DSL – Designated Safeguarding Lead. In charge of safeguarding throughout Eurospeak. Trained to Advanced Level (Level 3).

DSP – Designated Safeguarding Person. Second in charge of safeguarding. Trained to Advanced Level (Level 3).

LADO – Local Authority Designated Person. The outside agency to whom safeguarding concerns are reported.



LSCB – Local Safeguarding Children Officer. Monitors the investigations of the LADO.

DBS – Disclosure and barring service. Provides criminal records checks for individuals in the UK.

People Responsible for Safeguarding

All adults associated with under 18s have responsibilities to safeguard them, including teaching and administrative staff, group leaders and homestay providers.

Under 18s have a responsibility to report any concerns which they have for themselves or another student to an adult.

Designated Safeguarding Lead	Other Staff	
<p>Gaurav Vahi (School Director) Designated Safeguarding Lead Child Protection Officer <i>Trained to Safeguarding Level 3</i></p> <p>gaurav.vahi@eurospeak.org.uk 02380 636 494 07931 805 819</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting any allegations or concerns to LADO and relevant agencies • Keeping records of any allegations and concerns • Providing level 1 and 2 training • Reviewing policy annually and signing off • Overseeing implementation of policy 	<p>Chris Scott Manuel (ADoS/Social Organiser) <i>Trained to Safeguarding Level 1</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing risk assessments <p>Teachers Designated Safeguarding Staff Trained to Safeguarding Level 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General duty of care and informing reception of under 18 lateness/absences • Reporting any allegation or concerns to DSL or to DSP or directly to LADO and relevant agencies 	

Either the DSL or the DSP (both with Advanced Level 3 Safeguarding) will have the emergency contact phone at all times. They can be contacted out of office hours on +44 7427 175 708.

Training

All staff, teachers, group leaders and homestay providers must complete Basic Awareness Safeguarding Training (Level 1) at the very minimum. This is completed online, selecting the relevant course from the Accreditation UK website - <https://accreditation-uk.english.britishcouncil.org/>. The DSL is responsible for delivering annual face-to-face refresher training for all employees of Eurospeak.

Guidance for working with under-18s

All adults working for or with Eurospeak (including group leaders, homestay providers, and any adults in residence at a homestay) are deemed to be in a Position of Trust. The Sexual Offences Act 2003 states that any person in a Position of Trust engaged in sexual activity of any sort with students under the age of 18 is breaking the law.

Code of Conduct

It is important for any adult working for or with Eurospeak to behave in a way that engenders a safe and trusting environment in which everyone can work. The following code of conduct must be

followed in order that both adults and children are protected from harm, or from situations that could be misinterpreted.

DO

- ❖ Act as an excellent role model.
- ❖ Maintain a clean and professional appearance.
- ❖ Maintain a professional distance from under-18s.
- ❖ Take any concerns from under-18s seriously.
- ❖ Report any safeguarding or bullying concerns to the DSL/DSP.
- ❖ Encourage under-18s to respect each other and the school.
- ❖ Follow Eurospeak policies at all times.

DO NOT

- ❖ Smoke or consume alcohol, in front of or in the company of under-18s or their group leaders, or allow any effects of these practices to affect you in any way
- ❖ Swear or make racist, sexist or blasphemous remarks in front of any students (including under 18s) or make suggestive or derogatory remarks and gestures.
- ❖ Take photographs of under-18s, unless in an official capacity for the school where permission has been given. Photographs should not be of individual students (i.e. not in a group) and should not be stored or distributed anywhere except the school system.
- ❖ Socialize with under-18s, i.e. outside of class times or social activities and excursions.
- ❖ Have private contact with students, including by email, phone or social media, either during or after the course.
- ❖ Break the law in any way.
- ❖ Make physical contact with students, especially touch used to comfort or reassure. Physical contact is only permitted if:
 - It is to administer first aid. It should be no more contact than is absolutely necessary and care should be administered by a staff member of the same sex, if possible.
 - It is to protect a student from immediate physical danger.
 - It is to prevent a student from putting others into immediate physical danger.
 - It is to prevent a student from committing a criminal offence.
 - It is in self-defence, provided that the force used is not disproportionate to the attack.

Bullying

Definition

Bullying, defined as wilful and repeated behaviour which has the purpose of making another person unhappy, is not tolerated in any form at Eurospeak.

Identifying bullying

Bullying can take many different forms; it may be physical, emotional, name-calling, showing a lack of respect for another's property, excluding somebody from a social group; there are many possibilities. One person 'having a joke' can be another person suffering bullying. Sometimes it is obvious, sometimes it is done subtly and in such a way that children will be worried about telling staff what is happening. For this reason, it is vital that staff are vigilant in noticing changes in the behaviour of children, particularly if they become withdrawn.

How to react if you suspect bullying

1. Investigate all reports, however seemingly trivial.
2. Ensure that all reports of suspected bullying are logged and that the follow-up is also logged, fully recorded and signed by the senior staff member involved.
3. Once it has been established that bullying has taken / is taking place, explain to the person acting unkindly that their actions have been precisely that and tell them the effect it has had on another / others.
4. Ask them to consider an appropriate way of putting things right and, if necessary, support them in making an apology.
5. Ensure that any apology / reconciliation is done with staff present so that it can be accurately recorded.
6. Should the incident be more serious, conduct no-blame meetings with both parties (bully and bullied). The aim is to clarify the situation through discussion and allow both sides to work out a solution that is satisfactory to them both. This will be recorded by the supervising teacher. (N.B. Under-18s should not be asked to sign any documents.) Send details to the Director who will inform agents / parents of both parties what has happened and how it has been resolved.
7. If, after this meeting, the bullying continues, then it must be seen as deliberate and require a more serious response. The Director will take immediate action to protect the bullied person and begin procedures to restrict the activities of the bully. The Director must be informed and decisions will be made which could involve the bully being removed from classes. The Director will keep agents / parents of both parties fully informed.
8. Any further incidents of bullying by the same person would result in them having to leave the School and / or programme and return home as quickly as possible.

Recognising Abuse

Definition

Child Abuse is most often used to describe ways in which children are harmed – usually by adults – with damage to their physical or mental health. There are four broad categories of abuse as follows:

- physical: through hitting, shaking, squeezing etc.;
- sexual: through inappropriate touching or contact with a child;
- emotional: through persistent lack of attention, unrealistic adult demands;
- neglect: failing to provide basic needs of food, proper clothing, safe supervision.

Abused behaviour:

- Any type of eating disorder can be connected with abuse. Conditions such as anorexia or bulimia
- Personality Changes/becoming insecure
- Nightmares/sleeping problems - Delayed physical and emotional development
- Sudden speech disorder
- Neurotic behaviour such as rocking, hair twisting
- Inappropriate needy attention- seeking
- Self-harm
- Show aggression or withdrawal, two extremes within a short period of time

- Inappropriate sexualised play or awareness e.g. via drawings, promiscuous/inappropriate behaviour
- Sexually transmitted diseases
- Becoming secretive
- Bruises/injuries/burns in unusual places, which the child cannot explain
- Wearing clothes to cover bruises/burns (especially noticeable in hot weather)
- Hungry and may steal food
- Badly dressed
- Poor hygiene, hair not brushed
- Often tired
- Abuse of alcohol or drugs
- Thrives away from home environment

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

Female genital mutilation (FGM) is a procedure where the female genitals are deliberately cut, injured or changed, but there's no medical reason for this to be done.

- FGM is usually carried out on young girls between infancy and the age of 15.
- It's very painful and can seriously harm the health of women and girls.
- It can also cause long-term problems childbirth and mental health.

Getting help and support

Help is available if you have had FGM or you're worried that you or someone you know is at risk. If someone is in immediate danger, you **must** contact the police immediately by dialling 999.

Effects of FGM

It can cause serious harm, including:

- constant pain
- repeated infections
- bleeding
- problems peeing or holding pee in

FGM and mental health

FGM can be an extremely traumatic experience that can cause emotional difficulties throughout life, including;

- depression
- anxiety
- flashbacks
- nightmares and other sleep problems

Indication that FGM is about to happen:

- a girl talks about getting ready for marriage
- a family is arranging a long break
- knowledge that an older sibling has undergone FGM

Indication that FGM has happened:

- reluctance to take part in any physical activities
- difficulties to sit still
- bladder problem
- behaviour change

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

Child sexual exploitation (CSE) is a type of child sexual abuse. It occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18 into sexual activity.

Children and young people in sexually exploitative situations and relationships are persuaded or forced to perform sexual activities or have sexual activities performed on them in return for gifts, drugs, money or affection.

CSE can take place in person, online, or using a combination of both.

Perpetrators of CSE use a power imbalance to exploit children and young people. This may arise from a range of factors including:

- age
- gender
- sexual identity
- cognitive ability
- physical strength
- status
- access to economic or other resources (Department of Education, 2017).

Sexual exploitation is a hidden crime. Young people have often been groomed into trusting their abuser and may not understand that they're being abused. They may depend on their abuser and be too scared to tell anyone what's happening because they don't want to get them in trouble or risk losing them. They may be tricked into believing they're in a loving, consensual relationship.

Some children and young people are trafficked into or within the UK for sexual exploitation.

Some difficulties faced by children and young people who have been sexually exploited include:

- isolation from family and friends
- falling behind on schoolwork, failing exams or dropping out of school altogether
- teenage parenthood
- unemployment
- mental health problems
- alcohol and drug addiction
- having a criminal record
- suicidal thoughts and attempts

Children and young people who are being sexually exploited may display certain behaviours:

- displaying inappropriate sexualised behaviour for their age
- being fearful of certain people and/or situations

- displaying significant changes in emotional wellbeing
- being isolated from peers/usual social networks
- being increasingly secretive
- having money or new things (such as clothes or a mobile phone) that they can't explain
- spending time with older individuals or groups
- being involved with gangs and/or gang fights
- having older boyfriends or girlfriends
- missing school and/or falling behind with schoolwork
- persistently returning home late
- returning home under the influence of drugs/alcohol
- going missing from home or care
- being involved in petty crime such as shoplifting
- spending a lot of time at hotels or places of concern, such as known brothels
- not knowing where they are, because they have been trafficked around the country (Department for Education, 2017).

Reporting Safeguarding Concerns

When you have a concern –

1. Report your concern to the DSL/DSP, in as much detail as possible.
2. Do not attempt to investigate the concern yourself.
3. Do not share the information with any other adults or children, other than the DSL/DSP, or LADO/Police if necessary.
4. If you believe that the child in question is in immediate physical danger, call the police.

When an adult shares a concern with you –

1. Encourage the adult to report their concerns to the DSL/DSP.
2. If they are reluctant or refuse, it is your responsibility to report this information, in as much detail as possible.
3. Do not attempt to investigate the concern yourself.
4. Do not share the information with any other adults or children, other than the DSL/DSP, or LADO/Police if necessary.
5. If you believe that the child in question is in immediate physical danger, call the police.

When an under-18 shares a concern with you –

If a child, young person or vulnerable adult discloses information to you about a possible abuse situation, either about another member of staff, another student or a member of the external community (parent / guardian etc.) you **must** report it.

At the time of disclosure:

1. Listen to the child carefully, without judgment. React calmly and reassure the child that they have done the right thing to tell someone.

2. Ask open questions, such as 'Is there anything else you want to tell me?'. Do not ask leading questions, or ask the child to repeat what they have told you to another adult.
3. Inform the child that you are going to have to pass the information on to someone in a position of authority so that they are suitably supported, and that you cannot guarantee confidentiality. It is important to remember that a child (under 18) cannot refuse for this referral to occur if they have made an allegation of abuse.
4. Make accurate factual notes for reference in the future, including time and date. Record the actual words the child used as far as possible.

After the disclosure:

1. Do not leave the child alone. If placed in the care of another adult, the child must not be asked further questions, only reassured and kept safe.
2. Notify the DSL/DSP immediately, using the 24 hour number if necessary.
3. If they are not available, or if the allegations concerns the DSL/DSP, contact the LADO or the police.
4. After reporting the allegation, follow the instructions of the person you reported to (e.g. DSL/DSP/LADO/police). Do not share information with anyone else.

Whistleblowing

It is the duty of each staff member to report any incidents or concerns relating to colleagues not following the code of conduct or any specific safeguarding concerns relating to another member of staff, homestay provider, group leader or adult coming into contact with under-18s. Any whistleblowing will not be penalised and will remain confidential.

Keeping Records

The DSL is responsible for keeping records related to any safeguarding investigations that occur at Euospeak. All records are kept on the password-protected Onedrive account of the DSL, and is accessible to them only.

Euospeak follows guidance from Southampton LCSB, which states that:

"The purpose of the record is to enable accurate information to be given in response to any future request for a reference, where appropriate. It will provide clarification in cases where future DBS checks reveal information from the police about an allegation that did not result in a criminal conviction and it will help to prevent unnecessary re-investigation if, as sometimes happens, an allegation re-surfaces after a period of time. Schools and colleges have an obligation to preserve records which contain information about allegations of sexual abuse for the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA), for the term of the inquiry (further information can be found on the IICSA website). All other records should be retained at least until the accused has reached normal pension age or for a period of 10 years from the date of the allegation if that is longer.

Details of allegations that are found to have been malicious should be removed from personnel records. However, for all other allegations, it is important that a clear and comprehensive summary of the allegation, details of how the allegation was followed up and resolved, and a note of any action taken and decisions reached, is kept on the confidential personnel file of the accused, and a copy provided to the person concerned."

Retrieved 16/12/19, from <http://hipsprocedures.org.uk/lkyst/adults-who-pose-a-risk-of-harm-to-children/allegations-against-staff-or-volunteers#s3923>

Allegations

When an allegation is made against an adult or child, the DSL/DSP will manage the reporting and investigation process with the LADO.

When an allegation is made against an adult associated with Eurospeak

Teachers/Eurospeak Staff

The adult will be immediately removed from working with children for the duration of any investigation. If teaching, they will be moved to a class that does not contain any children. If this is not possible, they will be suspended on full pay until the investigation by DSL/DSP/LSCB is complete. If the results of the investigation show that behavior has taken place which contravenes any part of Eurospeak's safeguarding policy, their contract will be terminated with immediate effect.

Group Leaders

A member of Eurospeak staff will take over the responsibilities of the group leader, including residence in student accommodation if applicable. The group leader will be removed from working with children for the duration of any investigation. If in student accommodation, the group leader will be found alternative accommodation. The DSL/DSP will submit a report to the group leader's organization and the parents or guardians of the children. If the results of the investigation show that behavior has taken place which contravenes any part of Eurospeak's safeguarding policy, Eurospeak will request that the sending organization provides an appropriate person to manage the children's return to their home country. If this is not possible, Eurospeak will send an appropriate member of staff to manage the children's return to their home country.

Homestay Providers/Other residents in homestay accommodation

The child will be immediately removed from the homestay accommodation and the homestay provider will not be permitted to host any students (child or adult) for the duration of any investigation. If the results of the investigation show that behavior has taken place which contravenes any part of Eurospeak's safeguarding policy, their agreement to host any Eurospeak students will be terminated with immediate effect.

When an allegation is made against a child studying at Eurospeak

It is important to recognize that a child against whom an allegation has been made may also be at risk. The details and a full account of any incident should be reported immediately to the DSL/DSP, who will manage reporting to external agencies if necessary. Details of the allegation will be reported to the parent or guardian of the child. If the situation extends beyond the procedure outlined above for bullying, the child will be suspended from classes. In the case of a child who is studying at Eurospeak as part of a group, they will be supervised by the group leader onsite at Eurospeak during class time and will be placed in alternative, supervised accommodation if their current accommodation is with other children.

Recruitment

Advertisement

The wording of the job vacancy advertisement will include:

“Eurospeak is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and applicants must be willing to undergo Child Protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.”

Applicants should be aware that all posts at Eurospeak Language School involve an awareness of, and responsibility for safeguarding of children. Accordingly, this post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, and therefore all convictions, cautions and bind-overs, including those regarded as “spent”, must be declared.

In accordance with safeguarding procedures, we shall seek references on shortlisted candidates before any interview takes place and may approach any previous employers for information to verify experience or qualifications.

Applicants should be aware that provision of false material is an offence and could result in an application being rejected or summary dismissal if the applicant has been selected and possible referral to the Police and/or DfE Children’s Safeguarding Unit.

Applicants are asked to be aware that the interviews will include discussion of their suitability to work with children.

Interview

Where available, candidates should also bring the original, valid Enhanced DBS Certificate.

Applicants will be questioned about their previous experience working with under-18s, and their knowledge of standard safeguarding procedures. They will be asked questions relating to what different types of child abuse exist and how they might recognise signs of it happening.

Employment

All employee, group leader and homestay provider information relating to safeguarding is held in the single central record, including details of DBS checks, following up of references, safeguarding and Prevent training.

If the successful candidate’s existing DBS certificate is less than 3 months old and is for a position of similar responsibility in regards to children, or if the candidate is enrolled on the DBS update service and there has been no change to their status, they do not need a new DBS check.

If the candidate requires a new DBS, this process must be completed prior to the commencement of any unsupervised teaching of under 18s.

Once received, the DBS check must be renewed every 3 years.

Any staff recruited from outside the UK are required to give provide evidence of the relevant police check, in accordance with British Council guidelines.

All staff are must complete the online e-learning course Safeguarding for Teachers or Safeguarding for Language Centre Staff (Level 1) from <https://accreditation-uk.english.britishcouncil.org/> prior to starting a position at Eurospeak.

Studying at Eurospeak

Students under the age of 18 enrolling as individuals are welcomed at Eurospeak. Eurospeak does not organize accommodation or social activities for these students and responsibility for them outside of class hours is with their parent, guardian or carer whilst in the UK. However, centre staff should remain vigilant, and report any concerns they have to the DSL or DSP.

12-17 year old individuals

If the student does not arrive 15 minutes after the start of the class, the teacher must inform the administration team who will attempt to contact the student and the responsible adult based in the UK to ascertain their whereabouts. If it is not possible to contact the student or responsible adult, the parent/guardian (if outside the UK) and the police will be alerted.

16-17 years old individuals in adult classes

Students aged 16-17 enrolling as individuals may be placed in adult classes if there are no suitable junior classes available. Teachers will be verbally notified of this, and the student's name will be highlighted on the register. If the student does not arrive 15 minutes after the start of the class, the teacher must inform the administration team who will attempt to contact the student and the responsible adult based in the UK to ascertain their whereabouts. If it is not possible to contact the student or responsible adult, the parent/guardian (if outside the UK) and the police will be alerted.

Under 18s in closed groups

If a student does not arrive 15 minutes after the start of the class, the teacher must inform the administration team who will attempt to contact the student and the group leader to ascertain their whereabouts. If it is not possible to contact the student or group leader, the parent/guardian (if outside the UK) and the police will be alerted.

Group Leaders

Group leaders accompanying any under 18s are required to give evidence of good character from the relevant, British Council approved authority (e.g. a DBS or a Police letter). This must be provided well in advance of travel with their group to the UK. Details of suitable documentation can be advised by Eurospeak.

2. Group leaders must agree to and sign a 'Group Leader Declaration' in advance of travel to the UK. This document will: a. Include an outline of their duty of care. b. Establish clear boundaries of responsibility. c. Address this Safeguarding Policy to ensure it is known to them and that they commit to following it.

Parental Permission

Parents of under 18 individual students

When applying for a course for a student under 18, the parent/guardian will be asked to fill in and sign an application form. This form includes a section for Parental Permission. We ask that parents read this carefully as they give detailed information regarding our attendance policy, supervision and rules for under 18s after classes. It asks the parent or guardian to give medical information for the student and outlines their responsibility for arranging travel to and from the school. This application form also includes the out of hours emergency telephone number.

Parents of under 18s in closed groups

When applying for a course for a student under 18, the parent/guardian will be asked to fill in and sign an application form. This form includes a section for Parental Permission. We ask that parents read this carefully as they give detailed information regarding our attendance policy, supervision, curfews and rules for under 18s after classes. It asks the parent or guardian to give medical information for the student, pick up and drop off permission and consent for travel. This application form also includes the out of hours emergency telephone number.

Excursions and Activities

Activities and excursions are only provided for under-18s who study at Eurospeak as part of a closed group accompanied by a group leader, not those who come to study as individuals.

There will be sufficient adult supervision for all scheduled activities (excluding classroom teaching). The following ratio will be used for all activities and excursions. 1:15 (12+). However, supervision levels may be increased if it is deemed necessary by the activity's risk assessment.

Accommodation

Accommodation is only provided for under-18s who study at Eurospeak as part of a closed group accompanied by a group leader, not those who come to study as individuals. A curfew is in place of 7pm for children aged 12-15, and 9pm for children aged 16-17, regardless of type of accommodation.

Accommodation in Student Residences

Closed groups may be accommodated in student residences, with group leaders at a ratio of minimum 1 adult to 15 young people. First aid facilities and an appropriately trained member of staff will be available at all times, together with an arrangement with a local doctor in case of emergencies.

Accommodation in a Homestay

DBS

1. Eurospeak will get a new criminal record check for new homestay providers hosting under 18s and any other adults (over-18s) resident in the property unless:
 - a. The applicant is on the DBS/PVG Update Service and when seeing the original certificate and checking the applicant's status online, sees there is a 'not change' to status.
 - b. The applicant has a DBS check for another organisation that is less than three months old and is for a similar role.
2. In the event of any DBS check or reference revealing any past offences or cautions, if any of these undermine their likely trustworthiness to work with under-18s (e.g. sexual, violence), then no under 18s will be hosted by the provider.
3. The provider will not be able to host students until the DBS has been received.
4. Once approved to host under 18s, DBS checks must be renewed every 3 years.

Other

1. Homestay providers are required to sign a 'Homestay Agreement' in which their duty of care relating to under 18s (curfew, transport, house rules etc.) is clearly explained, agreed and signed by them. The agreement also asks any other over 18s currently living at the address to read this Safeguarding Policy, the Homestay Provider Handbook and sign the Homestay Agreement as agreement to the terms.
2. No under-16 students are to be housed with 18 or over students.
3. A responsible adult (known to and vetted by us) will always be present overnight and normally when students under 18 are at home.
4. The homestay chief carer will be made aware of the rules for what students may or may not do outside scheduled activity times and, in particular, the curfew time.
5. A summary of the Safeguarding policy is included in the Homestay Provider Handbook which is sent to the Homestay Provider and discussed at the time of inspection and on every periodical re-inspection to ensure homestay providers are aware of it and able to act accordingly.
6. The rules of what students under 18 may or may not do outside lessons will be sent to the homestay providers with every booking confirmation.
7. All Homestay Providers hosting students under the age of 18 are required to complete Level 1 Safeguarding Training as well as Prevent training. Certificates are kept in their file.
8. When students under 16 are with host providers for more than 28 days the social services will be contacted in order to make a homestay visit as the host provider would act as a foster parent.

Key Contact Details

Southampton LADO – tel: 02380 9155 535 or email: lado@southampton.gov.uk

Southampton Safeguarding Children Board – tel: 02380 832 995, email: lscb@southampton.gov.uk

Police - 999 in emergencies or 101

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) - tel: 0808 800 5000

Childline (for children) – tel: 0800 1111

Further Information and advice can be found at:

Safeguarding Young People: <http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/>

Anti-Bullying: http://www.bbc.co.uk/health/physical_health/child_development/teen_bully.shtml
<http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>

Health & Safety: <https://www.britsafe.org/speakupstaysafe/>
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/youngpeople/index.htm>

Online Protection: <http://www.google.com/goodtoknow/familysafety/>
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