**Child Protection Policy**

At Insight Dyslexia Services, the safety and well-being of children are my top priorities. I am committed to creating a safe, supportive, and respectful environment for all children and young people involved in the assessment process. To that end, I engage in regular, statutory training on safeguarding, including the revisions and updates to the legal framework documents listed below.

**1. Purpose**

This Child Protection Policy explains how I ensure the safety of children and young people during every stage of my work.

**2. Principles**

* Every child has the right to feel safe, valued, and protected.
* Protection from harm applies to all children, regardless of their background, ability, or circumstances.
* Respect, care, and support are at the heart of every interaction.

**3. Legal Framework**

This policy is guided by the following:

* Children Act 1989 and 2004
* Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018
* Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2024
* General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018

**4. Responsibilities**

As a dyslexia assessor, I:

* Make the safety and well-being of children my priority.
* Report any concerns about a child’s welfare to the appropriate authorities.
* Ensure all interactions with children are professional, respectful, and appropriate.
* Keep up to date with safeguarding training and remain informed about child protection issues.

**5. Safeguarding Measures**

* **Safe Assessment Environment**: Assessments are conducted in a child-friendly space. A responsible adult familiar to the child must be nearby during the assessment.
* **Confidentiality**: Personal information is protected under GDPR and shared only when there are safeguarding concerns.
* **Respectful Conduct**: Physical contact will only occur if necessary for the assessment and with the child’s consent.

**6. Responding to Concerns**

If a child shares concerns or I notice something worrying:

1. I listen without judgment.
2. I reassure the child that their safety is my priority.
3. I record details clearly and accurately.
4. I report the concern to an appropriate safeguarding authority immediately.

**7. Reviewing the Policy**

This policy is reviewed annually or as needed to stay aligned with the latest safeguarding guidance.

**Contact Information**

For questions about this policy or if you have a safeguarding concern, you can reach me directly at:

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For immediate safeguarding advice, you can also contact the NSPCC Helpline at 0808 800 5000.