Online Safety Policy

Introduction

This policy outlines Tutor The Nation's approach to helping our volunteers and the young people they support use our online platforms safely.

Policy

Areas of risk

Tutor The Nation acknowledges that use of the internet may expose young people to the following risks:

- Exposure to inappropriate content
- Hate content
- Grooming (sexual exploitation, radicalisation, etc.)
- Online bullying in all forms
- Social or commercial identity theft, including passwords
- Aggressive behaviours (bullying)
- Privacy issues, including disclosure of personal information
- Sexting
- Referral to lifestyle websites promoting harmful behaviours, for example the promotion of disordered eating or substance misuse.

Whilst young people accessing Tutor The Nation's service will only ever do so via closed, secure platforms and the chance of the above risks taking place is thus extremely low, we still take action to minimise their likelihood.

Staying safe online

- All volunteers and young people are required to confirm their understanding of the volunteer or pupil codes of conduct, which outline acceptable behaviour when attending Tutor The Nation lessons and communicating outside of these lessons.
- All lessons that take place are recorded and stored centrally, allowing for ongoing monitoring and spot checks wherever necessary.
- Each volunteer, young person, and staff member is provided with their own secure account for each platform that they need to engage with Tutor The Nation's services.

- Data stored by Tutor The Nation will be kept in line with all relevant UK and international legislation, and in accordance with the charity's own data protection policies.

Responding to unsafe practice online

- Any reports of unsafe practice on behalf of a volunteer, staff member, or young person will be handled using the appropriate safeguarding or disciplinary procedures.
- Where necessary, further training on the importance of online safety will be provided if gaps in knowledge are identified.
- Tutor The Nation will remain committed to staying abreast of the latest developments in online safety, in order to ensure that we continue to keep our volunteers, staff members, and young people safe when engaging with us online.

In the event of questions or concerns about this statement

In the first instance, all questions and concerns about this statement, or Tutor The Nation's other safeguarding policies and procedures, should be raised with the charity's Designated Safeguarding Lead, Ros Llewelyn, via email to safeguarding@tutorthenation.org.

Further questions concerning safeguarding and child protection should be directed to the NSPCC's Child Protection Helpline - 0808 800 5000.

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