



Streetz Ahead

Safe Participation and Risk Management Procedure

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Streetz Ahead takes safeguarding and the welfare of children extremely seriously. Our approach is underpinned by our Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy and Health & Safety Policy (reviewed October 2025).

1. Safeguarding Ethos

Streetz Ahead recognises its statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children and young people. Our safeguarding approach is based on:

- Prevention
- Protection
- Support
- Partnership working with families, schools, and external agencies

All staff are required to prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children at all times and to act in line with safeguarding and health & safety procedures.

2. Risk Assessment and Safe Delivery

All Streetz Ahead activities and venues are subject to site-specific risk assessments prior to use. Ongoing dynamic risk assessments are carried out throughout sessions to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all participants.

Staff are expected to continuously assess:

- Environmental risks
- Group dynamics
- Individual presentation and needs
- Behaviour that may indicate increased risk

Risk management is a shared responsibility and is overseen by the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Deputy DSL where required.

3. Dismissal, Collection, and Safe Departure

Children and young people are signed in and out of sessions by an authorised adult.

- Parents/carers must inform staff of any changes to collection arrangements
- Children may only leave independently where prior written parental consent has been provided
- Staff must ensure safe handover procedures are followed at all times

4. Behaviour, Absconding, and Dynamic Risk Management

Streetz Ahead recognises that some children may present behaviours including emotional overwhelm, absconding, elopement, or actions that may place themselves or others at risk of harm.

These situations are managed through:

- Ongoing risk assessment
- Calm, responsive de-escalation strategies
- Collaboration with schools, families, and relevant professionals

Where a child leaves a session or absconds after instruction not to do so, staff must:

- Prioritise immediate safety of the child and wider group
- Make dynamic safeguarding decisions based on the presenting risk
- Seek support from senior staff or DSL where available

Where risks cannot be safely managed within existing staffing or environmental conditions, participation may be paused temporarily while additional support strategies are agreed. These may include:

- Increased staffing ratios or 1:1 support
- Adapted activities
- Environmental adjustments
- Multi-agency planning

5. Inclusion and Accessibility

Streetz Ahead is committed to inclusive practice and ensuring all children can access provision regardless of ability, identity, or background.

Reasonable adjustments may include:

- 1:1 support
- Additional staffing
- Sensory or movement breaks
- Adapted activities
- Specialist input or planning

Where concerns arise regarding participation or safety, Streetz Ahead will work collaboratively with families, schools, and professionals to develop safe and meaningful support strategies.

Where agreed safeguarding boundaries or risk management strategies cannot be consistently upheld, Streetz Ahead may pause provision temporarily to ensure safety and allow for collaborative review and planning.

6. Medical Needs and First Aid

Parents and schools must provide accurate and up-to-date information regarding:

- Medical conditions
- Allergies
- Behavioural needs
- Emergency contacts

Streetz Ahead maintains trained first aiders at all sessions. All staff receive annual first aid refresher training.

Children with additional needs or disabilities are supported appropriately, and safeguarding concerns are never attributed solely to disability or communication differences.

7. Staff Support and Safeguarding Supervision

Streetz Ahead recognises the importance of supporting staff in managing safeguarding and behavioural concerns.

Staff can access:

- Immediate support from DSL or Deputy DSL
- Regular safeguarding supervision
- Ongoing training and professional development
- External professional support where appropriate

The DSL maintains oversight of safeguarding concerns, supports referrals, and ensures effective multi-agency working.

8. Partnership Working

Streetz Ahead works in partnership with families, schools, and professionals to ensure safe participation for all children.

Where concerns arise, we will seek collaborative solutions to support engagement and safety while maintaining safeguarding standards.

9. Commitment to Safe Practice

Streetz Ahead is committed to maintaining a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for all children and young people. Safeguarding and health & safety considerations always take priority in decision-making.