

ROYAL BALLET SCHOOL

AFFILIATE TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME

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IF A CHILD TELLS 2025-26



Whether a teacher, teaching assistant, parent, guardian, responsible adult, or carer:

DO:

- ✓ Be accessible and receptive
- ✓ Listen carefully and ask open questions only to clarify (e.g. who, what, when, where, how)
- ✓ Take it seriously
- ✓ Reassure the child they are right to tell
- ✓ Negotiate getting help
- ✓ Explain – that you will have to tell someone else for this to stop
- ✓ Report all suspicions or disclosures immediately to the relevant people and/or childcare organisations and: ATAPsupport@royalballetschool.org.uk
- ✓ Make careful and factual records of what was said as soon as possible.

DO NOT:

- ✗ Look horrified and say something speculative
- ✗ Try to get the child to disclose
- ✗ Accuse anyone or pass judgement
- ✗ Ask any leading questions whatsoever
- ✗ Make promises you cannot keep
- ✗ Forget to record and report the disclosure

If an emergency, call the police and seek advice from your local child protection services. Alternatively, you can visit [Report child abuse - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) or refer to KCSIE [Keeping children safe in education 2023 - part one \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk).