

Safeguarding and Safer Recruitment: Letter of Assurance

In line with the Department for Education's guidance *Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024*, the *Children Act 1989* and the *Childcare (Disqualification) Regulations* under the *Childcare Act 2006*, I am writing to confirm that **GameMates UK** has in place thorough safeguarding and safer recruitment procedures for all staff and mentors who deliver online one-to-one gaming and mentoring sessions.

All individuals working in roles that qualify as Regulated Activity undergo the required vetting, including an Enhanced DBS Disclosure. Every GameMates UK mentor has also completed safeguarding training at Level 2, with additional coverage of specialist areas such as female genital mutilation (FGM), child sexual exploitation (CSE), and the PREVENT duty. This training is refreshed every year to ensure knowledge remains up to date. Mentors also receive annual Online Safety training, reflecting the needs of young people in digital spaces.

Any changes to statutory safeguarding guidance, including updates from the Department for Education, are shared with our mentors promptly. Safeguarding matters are reinforced through regular team meetings, which are held every two weeks.

GameMates UK operates under a strict Safer Recruitment Policy. We fully comply with statutory requirements and recognised best practice designed to protect children and young people. Our recruitment processes are designed to identify, deter, and prevent unsuitable individuals from working within our service.

Signed,

Thomas Williams

Business Owner, GameMates UK