## **Child Safety Statement**

Questa Kids takes the safety and wellbeing of children very seriously. We want to encourage children to learn about and to feel confident to explore the world in which they live. We believe that understanding different ways of looking at the challenges of sharing our world with other people and the natural environment is the best preparation to allow children to be thoughtful, respectful and informed individuals. We know the world faces all manner of complex and sometimes bewildering situations and it is particularly important that children are not harmed or put at risk as they learn about that through their exploration of Questa Kids.

Children cannot register their own account with Quests Kids - an adult responsible for them must do this, setting up their account and explaining how to complete the quests.

We urge the responsible adult to explain to the children how to stay safe online and to take basic precautions - never share their password for example. The only interactions children can have while using Questa Kids are with the QuestaKids team. All members of the team who might interact with children are DBS checked and take this aspect of their work very seriously.

Our materials are carefully researched and the content prepared in a way which we consider is appropriate for children. We do look at some complex issues and these carry an SSM warning - Sensitive Subject Matter. Adults have warning of these issues and are encouraged to read the relevant SSM materials so they can decide for themselves if they wish their child to view this material. We welcome feedback about this aspect of the quests - we have thought hard about these issues and have taken advice from experts but we want to hear from you too.

From time to time we may ask children to send photos of things they have created or pieces of writing which were inspired by Questa Kids so that we can share this on the website or social media. We ask that the responsible adults support children who want to send us these materials by ensuring that no details of the child or their lives are revealed - no full names, photos of the child or their home, no information which might lead to their identity being established.

We want to encourage children to do their own research and will include activities which require them to do a google search for example. We are careful to ensure that the key words we suggest do not generate inappropriate materials and any links to other online sites are set up so that child users cannot then browse further within that site, beyond the material we suggest they look at.

We have produced advice for adults about how to keep their children safe when using online resources with links to other sources of information and guidance.

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