

Child Protection Policy

Last Review Date: September 2023

We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually.

Willow Banks Forest School aims to keep all children safe.



This policy is written in line with statutory guidance for schools and colleges; Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022 and Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018.

[Keeping children safe in education 2022.pdf](#)

[Working together to safeguard children 2018](#)

We work within the procedures and recommendations of the Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership:

<http://pandorsetscb.proceduresonline.com/>

And the procedures and recommendations of the Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership:

<https://www.proceduresonline.com/swcpp/somerset/index.html>

Job applicants and volunteers are clearly informed that the positions are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

Job applicants and volunteers are informed of the need to carry out checks before posts can be confirmed.

Where potential job applicants or volunteers are rejected because of information that has been disclosed, the applicants have the right to know and to challenge incorrect information.

We abide by Ofsted requirements in respect of references and police checks for staff and volunteers, to ensure that no disqualified person or unfit person works at forest school or has access to the children.

Staff and volunteers do not work unsupervised.

We abide by the Protection of Children Act requirements in respect of any person who is dismissed from our employment, or resigns in circumstances that would otherwise have led to dismissal for reasons of child protection concern.

Details of visitors to forest school are recorded and steps taken to ensure that no unauthorised person has unsupervised access to the children.

When working with schools to deliver outdoor learning we will always adhere to the schools child protection policy.