

Fleggburgh Village Hall

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

The welfare of the child is paramount. All children, without exception, have the right to protection from abuse.

1. Policy

No member of the Committee, the Trustees, helpers or other volunteers will have unsupervised access to children unless appropriately vetted or within their family.

2. Procedure

All members of the Committee, the Trustees, helpers or other volunteers will be made aware of this policy and the relevant vetting procedures. Should checks become necessary, they will be undertaken in compliance with the Protection of Children Act 1999, the Children Act 1989 and Part V of the Police Act 1997.

All suspicions or allegations of abuse against a child will be taken seriously and dealt with speedily and appropriately.

A trustee will be appointed to be responsible for Child Protection Matters. This person will have responsibility for reporting concerns that arise, as a matter of urgency, to the local authority Child Protection lead agency.

Copies of the relevant Acts and Department of Health guidelines will, if necessary, be available to the trustees as reference material for volunteers.

This policy and procedure will be reviewed annually in October.. New trustees and volunteers will be provided with an understanding of their responsibilities in matters of child protection.

Members of the community who use the facilities will have access to all policies held in a folder in the foyer.

All hirers who wish to use the hall for activities that include children or vulnerable adults, other than for private party hire with family and invited guests, will be asked to provide a copy of their child protection policy.

Signed for and on behalf of Fleggburgh Village Hall and Playing Field Committee

Chair Jackie Payne

Secretary J Osborne

Date 21/10/2024