

OAKE VILLAGE HALL CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Oake village hall The welfare of the child is paramount. All children have the right to protection from abuse.

Policy; All organisations using the hall that provide activities/services for children will need to have a Child Protection Policy in place.

Procedure; The hiring agreement will require all such organisations to demonstrate and sign that they have an approved Child Protection policy in place.

Policy; No member of the management committee or other employee will have unsupervised access to children unless appropriately vetted.

Procedure; All members of the management committee and any employees will be made aware of this policy. Should checks become necessary, they will be undertaken in compliance with The Protection of Children Act 1999, the Children's Act 2004 and Part V of the Police Act 1997.

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

Procedure; A management committee member will be appointed to be responsible for Child Protection matters. He or she will be responsible for reporting concerns as a matter of urgency to the local Child Protection lead agency.

Policy; All management committee members will be required to become aware of Child Protection issues.

Procedure; Copies of the relevant Acts and DOH guidelines will be held by the management committee as reference material. Relevant training will be encouraged.

Additional information regarding Oake Playground and PlayingField

Every child should be able to play in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from abuse.

It is the responsibility of every adult to take all necessary steps to promote child safety. The hall management committee will ensure that appropriate regular safety checks are made on playground equipment.

Parents have responsibility for their children at all times.

Whilst this policy ensures that all individuals and groups within the community can have access to Oake field and playground, there are circumstances where it may be necessary to impose restrictions on certain individuals or groups who are in breach of this child protection policy.

Users are asked to promptly report any problems to the management committee.

Policy; The policies and procedures outlined above will be regularly reviewed.

Procedure; An annual review will take place following the AGM.

Policy; Members of the public who use the hall should be aware of the Child Protection policies and procedure adopted by Oake village hall management committee.

Procedure ;A copy of this document will be displayed at the hall.