

OAKE VILLAGE HALL

CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE PERSONS POLICY

Oake village hall management committee believes that every child, young person and vulnerable adult, regardless of their age or circumstance, has the right to be protected from harm and feel safe and respected.

It recognises that the majority of children and vulnerable adults visiting or using the hall, recreation field and playground, will be accompanied by their parents, guardian or agreed supervisor, who will be responsible for them. Unaccompanied children are not the responsibility of the committee.

The hall management committee will manage the safety of the playground equipment.

Hirers (user groups) who use the hall, field and playground hold prime responsibility for the welfare of children and vulnerable persons participating in their activities. Hirers will be made aware of Oake hall management committee's policy and where appropriate will be required to have acceptable children/vulnerable persons' protection policies and evidence of appropriate training.

Adults booking private parties for children will be made aware of their responsibility to ensure children and young people are properly supervised as required by the hiring agreement. They will also be responsible for ensuring that permission from parents has been granted for the activities planned.

Actions

Play equipment will be checked regularly and records kept

All community users are encouraged to report any safety concerns in the hall, field or playground immediately to the management committee so action can be taken,

Any incidents concerning children on the premises must be reported to the committee for appropriate action to be taken (contact with local authority Child Protection if necessary)

Oake village hall alcohol licence holders will ensure that all hirers are fully aware of the law relating to the prohibition of sale and supply of alcohol to under 18s

This policy will be updated as appropriate and reviewed annually.