



Safeguarding Children and Young People

As outlined in the Children's Acts of 1989, 2004 and the revised 2023 Government Safeguarding Guidance, safeguarding children and young people is the responsibility of everyone. Although working with children and young people is not a primary focus of the organisation, Friends of Par Beach (FoPB) recognises its responsibilities to protect children from harm, abuse or exploitation and will act to promote an ethos embracing difference, diversity and for all volunteers to respect the rights of children and young people.

Children are defined as those who have not yet reached their 18th birthday. 'Children' therefore refers to children and Young People throughout.

In implementing this safeguarding policy *Friends of Par Beach* will:

- Ensure that volunteers feel able to welcome and engage with children and young people during activities whilst being mindful of their safeguarding responsibilities.
- Ensure that parents understand that any child attending any FoPB activity must be accompanied by their carer/legal guardian or nominated (by their parent/carer or legal guardian) responsible adult.
- Ensure that all volunteers understand their responsibility to protect children from harm, abuse and exploitation.
- Ensure that all volunteers understand their responsibility to work at all times towards maintaining high standards of practice.
- Ensure that all volunteers understand their duty to report concerns that arise about a child, or a volunteer's conduct towards a child, to the organisation's committee or Cornwall Council.
- Ensure that any procedures relating to the conduct of volunteers are implemented in a consistent and equitable manner.
- Ensure that parents/carers/legal guardians have access to FoPB guidelines and procedures.
- Keep up to date with national developments relating to the safeguarding and protection of children and ensure updates are brought to the attention of the rest of the organisation.
- Seek help and advice from appropriate authorities (such as Cornwall Council or National Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Children) if necessary.

This policy and related guidelines will be reviewed and updated in light of any new legislation or guidance at least every two years.