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FRAMWELLGATE MOOR PARISH COUNCIL

Children & Vulnerable Adults Policy

Principles

The welfare of the child or vulnerable adult is paramount and is the responsibility of everyone. All children and vulnerable adults, without exception, have the right to protection from abuse, whether physical, verbal, sexual, bullying, exclusion or neglect. Bullying, verbal abuse, physical violence, sexism and racism towards children will not be permitted or tolerated.

Policy

1. The Parish Council (Trustees) do not organise activities within the Pavilion that require special provision for Children or vulnerable adults. However they are aware that other groups using the Centre could include such people. It has therefore developed the following procedures to check that a proper level of safeguarding is established and maintained by user groups.
2. No member of the trustees, helpers or other volunteers or staff will have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults unless they have been through the safe recruitment procedure and introductory Child Protection or Vulnerable Adults Protection training.
3. All organisations using the Centre will be required to declare whether any of their users are classified as young persons or vulnerable adults. Those organisations with such users will be required to produce evidence of DBS checks (Disclosure & Barring Service) for the responsible adults within the section. This will include not only those in direct charge but anybody who has direct unsupervised access to the young persons or vulnerable adults.
4. Any organisations or individuals hiring the hall for the purposes of holding activities where Ofsted registration is required should show their registration and their own Child Protection Policy.
5. A record will be kept of such checks in a manner to be determined by the Parish Council.
6. The Parish Council will endeavour to ensure that the premises are kept safe for use by children and vulnerable adults. The Parish Council recognises that a higher standard of safety is required where use is made by small children, those who cannot read safety notices and physically disabled adults.

The Parish Council will satisfy itself that users as above have procedures in place to

- Ensure that their vulnerable charges do not leave the area designated for their activity without appropriate supervision.
- Protect against unsupervised access by the public.



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7. The Parish Council will ensure that hirers are made aware of their obligations under the Licensing Act 2003 to ensure that alcohol is not sold to those under the age of 18. The committee will ensure that hirers are aware that no children may be admitted to films when they are below the age classification for the film or show. No gambling (other than raffles falling within the licence held by the Community Association) or entertainment of an adult or sexual nature shall be permitted on the premises. Permission will be required from the Parish Council or its representative for a raffle to be held.
8. These policies and procedures will be reviewed annually and updated as appropriate in the interim periods.
9. All suspicions or allegations of abuse against a child or vulnerable adult will be taken seriously and dealt with speedily and appropriately.

References; 'Working together to safeguard children' DfES 2006
'Safeguarding Children and Safer Recruitment in Education' DfES 2007