

CHILD AND YOUNG PERSON PROTECTION POLICY

(Adopted February 2016)

The Policy

Tuxford Town Council (the Council) does not directly employ anyone who works with or cares for Children or Young People.

The Council does, however, support and encourage the use of its play facilities by organised groups and associations and does, therefore, have a responsibility to make sure that those who look after children and young people using its facilities are, where necessary, checked and qualified for their suitability for this role.

Statement

The Council is aware that the abuse of children and young people does not occur in society and within organisations whose purpose is to look after them. The physical, sexual or emotional abuse of children whilst using the Councils play facilities will not be tolerated by the Council.

It is the policy of the Council that a safe and controlled environment will be provided for all children and young people using play facilities provided by the Council.

Implementing the Policy

The Council will satisfy itself that those people who are looking after children and young people using its facilities are appropriately trained and qualified in child protection issues and, where necessary, have had the appropriate level of criminal record check carried out. The Council will achieve this through regular contact with organisations using its play facilities and obtaining written confirmation from those organisations that they have child protection policies in place and that their carers, coaches, play leaders etc. are appropriately qualified and checked.

The Council will make sure that any suspicion, allegation or incidence of physical, sexual or emotional abuse or concerns of neglect, taking place at a Council play facility and brought to its attention, is reported immediately to the appropriate body which has a duty to investigate such matters; this may be the organisations using the play facility, the Local Authority or the Police.

The Council will make sure that it is informed of any action taken arising from above.

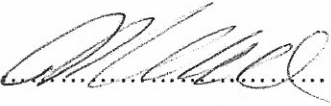
The specific person in the Council responsible for implementing this policy is the Clerk to the Council.

Policy History and Review

This policy was approved by Tuxford Town Council in February 2016 and took effect from this date.

This policy was reviewed by Tuxford Town Council on 18 October 2018 and again on 15 October 2020 and took effect immediately.

In the event of any significant change to the legal position on Child and Young Person Protection, any relevant statutory requirements or any other related matter, this policy will be subject to review. In the event of no change the policy will be reviewed by October 2022.

Approved:  Chairman of the Council

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Review Reference

Review Date	Recorded Amendment to the Policy	Signed
15 October 2020	No Amendment	