



Child Protection Policy Statement of intent

Aims

XTND works in partnership with children's charities, educational establishments and local authority services in Weston super Mare, aiming to provide positive activities to children, young people and their families in areas of deprivation with the aim of raising aspirations and overcoming economic hardship.

All organisation contributing to XTND operate within the North Somerset Children's Safeguarding Partnership guidelines and Child protection Procedures.

XTND aims to provide activities as safely as possible by:

- All relevant agencies taking a common sense approach to safeguarding in protecting children and young people who may be at risk. Prioritising the safety and wellbeing of all children & young people at all times.
- Ensuring that any volunteer or paid member of staff has a current enhanced Disclosure and Baring Service (DBS) check or is supervised by a member of staff or volunteer within an organisation that has a clear DBS.
- Each partner organisation has a clear and robust child protection policy which they are able to provide.
- Any allegation of harm or neglect is reported to North Somerset Council by the organisation receiving that allegation. Confidentiality will be protected.
- All activities are assessed for risk, with a risk assessment to be provided. Risk assessments are made for any activities for a child that maybe unaccompanied to protect their safety.
- All activities will have appropriate adult: child ratios to protect children. Activities for children under 8 will be provided on a ratio of no more than 8 children to 1 adult.
- Where activities are likely to include children with challenging behaviour or additional needs appropriate training and supervision will be provided by the lead organisation (risk assessment still applicable).
- Staff with lead responsibility for activities will have received appropriate safeguarding training and understanding as defined by the North Somerset Child Protection Procedures. Ensuring everyone understands their safeguarding roles and responsibilities. (Evidence needs to be provided on request of XTND).
- The charities involved have complaints procedures that enable children and young people to be heard by an independent party if necessary.
- Parental consent is obtained for children joining in activities under the age of 13.

Should you have any safeguarding concerns please email xtnd@bournville.org

This policy was adopted by the XTND Trustees on 3rd October 2018

Signed by Chair:.....

Signed by designated safeguard lead:.....