



Safeguarding Children Policy

Section	Description
Introduction	Wolds Gymnastics Club is a non profit organisation.
	Located at Wolds Gymnastics Club, Driffield, Skerne Road, YO25 6PN
	Wolds's Gymnastics Clubs welfare officers are Rachel Douglas and Emma Alexander and they can be contacted via email (harry@woldsgymnasticsclub.co.uk, nathan@woldsgymnasticsclub.co.uk, rachael@woldsgymnasticsclub.co.uk, admin@woldsgymnasticsclub.co.uk)
Purpose	This policy is intended to protect children and young people who receive any service from us.
	Wolds Gymnastics Club believe that no child or young person should experience abuse or harm and are committed to the protection of children and young people and this policy is intended to provide guidance and overarching principles to those who represent us as volunteers or staff, to guide our approach to child protection and safeguarding.
The Risks To Children	Nearly every child grows up in a safe and happy environment and it is important not to exaggerate or overestimate the dangers. Nevertheless, there are situations where children need protection including:
	Sexual abuse
	Grooming
	Physical and emotion abuse and neglect.
	Inappropriate supervision by staff or volunteers.
	Bullying, cyber bullying, acts of violence and aggression within our schools and campuses.
	Victimisation.
	Self-harm.
	Unsafe environments and activities.
	Crime.
	Exploitation.
Universality Of Protection	We recognise that:
	The welfare of the child is paramount.
	All children regardless of race, gender, religious belief, disability, age, sexual orientation or identity have a right to equal protection from harm.
	Some children are more vulnerable to harm as a result of their circumstances, prior experiences, communication needs or level of dependency.
	Working with children, young people, their parents and/or guardians, carers or other agencies is essential to protecting their wellbeing.
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Safeguarding Children At Events And Activities	There are three kinds of events/activities: Those open to adults and children of all ages Those open for parents/guardians accompany their child. Those for activities which are for unaccompanied children ran by staff and coaches.
	At events and activities open to all ages, children under 16 must be accompanied throughout by an adult over the age of 18 who not only brings the child but also takes the child home again afterwards. Young people aged 16 or 17 may attend unaccompanied if they bring the written consent and mobile telephone number of one of their parents (ask at the reception for a consent form)
	At events and activities for children accompanied by a 'parent/carer', children under 16 must be supervised throughout the event by an adult over the age of 18 who not only brings the child to the event but also takes the child home again afterwards. If a lone adult brings more than one child, then the children will have to stay together, so that the one adult can supervise them. Young people aged 16 or 17 may attend unaccompanied if they bring the written consent and mobile telephone number of one of their parents. (ask at the reception for a consent form)
	At events and activities for unaccompanied children, children under the age of 16 must be enrolled by a responsible adult before being left with the event leader. The enrolment must record the child's name, age and address and the names and addresses of the child's parents, plus the parents' mobile telephone numbers. Young people aged 16 or 17 may attend unaccompanied if they bring the written consent and mobile telephone number of one of their parents. (ask at the reception for a consent form)
	Both event and activities are to be defined broadly to include any occasions where Wolds Gymnastics Club will be providing a service.
Disclosure And Barring	Wolds Gymnastics Club offers the following: Gymnastics, Fitness and Multi-Skills classes/sessions.
	Some of our activities may therefore require adult participants or adult leaders to undergo DBS and/or police checks under the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006. The required level of checking (if any) will broadly reflect the degree and frequency of unsupervised access given to other people's children
	Wolds Gymnastics Club will take very seriously any allegation of impropriety on the part of any member of Wolds Gymnastics Club. A member of Wolds Gymnastics Club who discovers anything amiss should get in touch immediately with the following:
	Wolds Gymnastics Club will review the allegation and the likely risk to children and, if appropriate, will consider banning the member from future events or revoking his or her membership or both, but only in full accordance with the rules and procedures of Wolds Gymnastics Club.
Health and safety aspects of safeguarding children	Before starting any event for unaccompanied children, the Board will follow a risk assessment and then take steps to minimise all risks to health and safety. Parents and children will be made aware of any particular risks and of the steps to be taken to minimise those risks. The Board will keep a record of all risk assessments.
	Sufficient adults must be provided by Wolds Gymnastics Club at any event for unaccompanied children to enable one adult to deal with any emergency while another adult supervises the children not directly affected by the emergency.
Policy on the prevention of bullying	We will not tolerate the bullying of children either by adults or by other children. If any incident of child-on-child bullying should arise at a Wolds Gymnastics Club session/class, those involved will be separated immediately and the parents of the children involved will be asked to attend a meeting with Wolds Gymnastics Club to deal with the matter. Wolds Gymnastics Club will review all incidents of child-on-child bullying and assess the likely future risk to children. If appropriate, the owner will consider banning a child from future sessions. Allegations of adults bullying children will be dealt with view a meeting at Wolds Gymnastics Club.
Photographing of children	No photos/videos will be taken or published of any child attending a session or class unless prior written permission is sought from a person with parental responsibility. If any person has any concerns regarding any person taking photos at a session or class, that person should contact Wolds Gymnastics Club immediately.
Managing behaviour, discipline and acceptable restraint	Adults supervising children at Wolds Gymnastics Club sessions must never use any form of corporal punishment. If physical restraint is absolutely necessary to prevent injury to any person or to prevent serious damage to property, then the minimum necessary restraint may be used — but for that purpose only.
	Unacceptable behaviour at Wolds Gymnastics Club sessions for unaccompanied children will generally be stopped by separating the children from each other and from the group. The miscreants will be suitably supervised and will be returned as soon as possible to the care of their parents.
	A parent who is aggrieved by this ban may appeal to via email to Wolds Gymnastics Club who will hear the views of all relevant persons. The decision of Wolds Gymnastics Club is then final. Any such appeals should be made to, and will be determined by the following: Mr Harry Sheader, Mr Nathan Wilkinson and Miss Rachael Wylie
Legal Frame Work	The following policy has be drawn up in accordance with the following:
	Children Act 1989.
	United Convention of the Rights of the Child 1991.
	General Data Protection Regulation.
	Human Rights Act 1998.
	Sexual Offences Act 2003.
	Children Act 2004.
	Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006.
	Protection of Freedoms Act 2012.
	Children and Families Act 2014.
	Special educational needs and disability (SEND) code of practice - Guidance on the special educational needs and disability (SEND) system for children and young people aged 0 to 25, from 1 September 2014.
	Information sharing: advice for practitioners providing safeguarding services.
	Working together to safeguard children (2017).
NOTE	This Policy was approved by the following on 01/02/2026 and is due for review every 1 Year: Mr Harry Sheader, Mr Nathan Wilkinson and Miss Rachael Wylie