

RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- The welfare of the child is paramount.
- All children without exception have the right to protection from abuse.

POLICY 1

All organisations using the hall to provide activities or services for children are required to adhere to a child protection policy.

PROCEDURE: The hiring agreement will require all organisations to declare whether or not they adhere to a child protection policy.

POLICY 2

No member of the management committee or any employee of that committee will have unsupervised access to children unless the appropriate and required searches have been completed.

PROCEDURE: All members of the management committee will be made aware of this policy. Any indication of a contravention of this policy must result in immediate action in compliance with The Protection of Children Act 1999, The Children Act 2004 and Part V of the Police Act 1997.

POLICY 3

Any suspicion or allegation of abuse against a child will be taken seriously and dealt with in accordance with The Protection of Children Act 1999, The Children Act 2004 and Part V of the Police Act 1997.

PROCEDURE: A management committee member will be appointed to be responsible for all child protection matters. This person will be made aware of any infringement of this policy and will take all necessary action. Any suspicions or allegations of abuse against a child will be reported as a matter of urgency to the local child protection lead agency.

POLICY 4

All management committee members will be aware of child protection issues.

PROCEDURE: Copies of the relevant Child Protection Acts and Department of Health Guidelines will be held by the management committee as reference material for committee members. Relevant child protection training for management committee members will be encouraged.

POLICY 5

The policies and procedures outlined in this policy document will be regularly reviewed to ensure compliance with current child protection legislation.

PROCEDURE: An annual review of child protection policies and procedures will take place prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Any required changes will be explained and discussed at the AGM. Management committee members and organisations hiring the village hall regularly will be made aware of any changes in writing following the AGM.

POLICY 6

Members of the public who use Ruishton Village Hall will be made aware of the policies and procedures adopted by the village hall management committee.

PROCEDURE: A copy of this document will be available to view by anyone using the village hall. Members of the public using the village hall will be encouraged to read it.

THIS POLICY WAS LAST REVIEWED OCTOBER 2025

ALEX EVANS IS CURRENTLY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN VISITING RUISHTON VILLAGE HALL.