

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN POLICY FOR COMMUNITY CENTRE USERS

Every child has the right to a safe, secure, welcoming and friendly environment. Children should be able to express themselves, their needs and feelings. Respect for each other should be shared by everyone, both children and adults.

Safe guarding the welfare of children is everybody's responsibility.

- Adults working with children should role model good behaviour and therefore show children how to build positive relationships with each other and with adults.
- Children's good behaviour should be rewarded with praise and, where possible, minor irritating behaviour should be ignored. This helps children learn that good behaviour gains attention.
- Adults shouting, swearing or using physical discipline towards other children or adults is not acceptable.
- **Any form of child abuse will not be tolerated and will be recorded and reported to the appropriate authorities in accordance with the Local Safeguarding Children procedures**
- When using the Community Centre for child based activities, parents should ensure that they are satisfied that relevant policies and procedures are in place to safeguard their child/children. Please ask the Centre's Designated Safe Guarding Children's officer (Shaaron Forbes) if you need advice. Tel: 07718122606
- All groups operating in King's Community Centre premises, where responsibility for the children is given, should be members of Milton Keynes Council's (MKC) Community Groups Registration Scheme. This scheme carries out DBS and relevant policy checks to monitor the quality of the provision offered. Membership applies to voluntary and non-voluntary run groups. If you have any concerns, or would like further information, please ring MKC Community Support Team on 01908 253512

Safeguarding children is everybody's responsibility. If you are concerned about any child's welfare then please speak to the Centre's Designated Safeguarding Officer, Shaaron Forbes, or ring the Local Authority's Children's Social Services number: 01908 253169. (Out of hours = 01908 265545.) They are available for advice and guidance. Please do not ignore your concerns or think someone else will make the call.